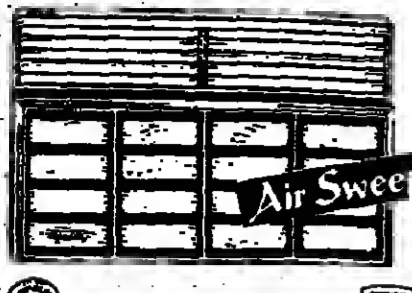


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Kingdom may hike oil price -- Yamani

By S. Sidahmed
Arab News Correspondent

GENEVA, May 25 — Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani did not rule out the possibility of the rise in Saudi Arabian oil price by saying "it is always possible". Last April the Kingdom dropped \$2 from the war relief crude prices to make it \$34, an action seen by observers as a hint for a possible compromise in this conference.

The 60th OPEC ministerial meeting opened in the semi-isolated Interoceanic Hotel Moody at 10.00 a.m. with an opening address from the outgoing chairman, Dr. Suhroto, the Indonesian oil minister. Dr. Suhroto extended first, on behalf of the OPEC members his sympathies to the people and government of Ecuador for the loss of their President Jaime Roldes in a plane crash. Then he moved to the thrust of the meeting pointing to the new developments in the oil market.

"Decline in the spot prices; decline in the prices of the spot market, which is now at \$34, which is \$2 below the OPEC ceiling, drop to demand by the industrialized countries, the main consumer. The International Energy Agency reported a 6 percent drop last year and which is likely to continue.

"These developments are accompanied, Suhroto said, "with the efforts of Iraq and Iran to go back to their normal production. The two countries are producing now two million-barrels per day (bpd) and are planning to step up their production around six million bpd to pay for their war and reconstruction expenses.

Dr. Suhroto could have added that another development is the drop of OPEC share in the market from 52 million bpd in 1979 to 50 million last year to 48 million at present. He concluded by saying that these developments have their impact on OPEC countries who want to protect their national interests on one hand and face up to the realities of the market on the other. "In my humble opinion this equilibrium can be achieved by having OPEC as a vehicle to reconciling various interests...on many occasions in the past we have also faced difficulties."

The meeting then recessed and an informal contacts took place between delegates till around 17.00 hours when the formal session started. The members appointed Dr. Njuema of Gabon as secretary general of OPEC. He succeeds Rene Ortiz.

Though some members like the African producers, Algeria, Nigeria and Libya want

Japanese firm faces possible ban

By Adnan Sadeg

RIYADH, May 25 — The Suzuki Motor Company of Japan faces a possible boycott of its vehicles in the Kingdom if it is proved that it was responsible for the advertisement slandering the Arabs which appeared in the German magazine Stern last month, Arab News learned Monday.

The magazine carried an advertisement purporting to show the Arabs as greedy people who did not care for the interests of car owners or for economy in the consumption of oil. It was reprinted by Arab News Sunday.

The advertisement caused a great deal of consternation which led the Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Solaim to hold a meeting specially to discuss its implications and the steps to take to punish the offending parties.

Meanwhile, Stern magazine staffer, Herr Litker, reached by telephone from here said he found the advertisement "rather stupid and foolish, with racial overtones." He remembered seeing it in Stern and in other German magazines. This would indicate that the advertisement has been frequently used as part of a Suzuki campaign in Germany.

The Deputy Commerce Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Zamel told Arab News Monday that even if the advertisement is traced back to the German car agency which placed it, the ministry will take serious measures as it had done in a similar case which cost the offender millions of dollars in addition to formal apologies.

Dr. Zamel thanked Arab News for publishing the story and said that the ministry will follow it up because it always viewed with deep concern such "cheap methods of denigration." He revealed that in the last two years the ministry dealt with several such cases involving similar campaigns to that launched by Suzuki or its agents abroad. They were made to apologize and finance counter campaigns.

"I would like to make it quite clear," he said, "that I have orders from the minister to follow up this case and similar ones and to say that the ministry will take punitive measures against those who hurt or defame us."

Companies which insult the Arabs anywhere will be made to pay "a high price" and those who have been guilty of such attacks have realized the nature of the penalty involved. Such actions might be "economic and at a national level," he said.

Excuses made by some companies that such attacks were not caused by them but by their foreign agents will no longer be acceptable because it will be their duty to make sure that no agents should slander the Arabs and get away with it for the sake of selling the company's products. "Otherwise the price they will have to pay will be so high they will be sorry for the day they allowed such disgraceful devices to be used," he said.

Meanwhile, a senior Japanese embassy official in Jeddah said they were "very much embarrassed by this silly advertisement." They were investigating the incident to find out who had placed it.

"We do not know for sure who put the advertisement in the magazine," he said. "But on the basis of past company's behavior, we do not think it is likely that Suzuki of Japan would have done it," he added.

Saudi Arabia is the second largest car market for Japan, after the U.S. Last year it imported \$1.1 billion worth of vehicles, or about one fifth of its total imports from that country. In another development Suzuki agents in Jeddah said they were displeased and disturbed by the advertisement as it appeared in Stern. Managing Director Hassan Bamarsoof said he would communicate his displeasure to the company in Japan and will ask it to investigate the matter and do something convincing to rectify the error against the Arab people.

"We do not accept any excuses for such flagrant attacks on our own people," he said. "We shall ask the company to provide us with a full explanation for this unjustifiable act and shall demand action against those responsible for it," he added.

Passengers end ordeal Hijackers tricked, attacked

SOFIA, Bulgaria, May 25 (Agencies) — Passengers aboard a hijacked Turkish airliner attacked their hijackers Monday, helping to free themselves after nearly 30 hours on the runway of a Black Sea airport.

Officials said Turkish passengers and the crew of the plane apparently worked together in an effort to save the lives of American, Japanese and French hostages aboard the plane. Leftist hijackers had threatened to blow up the plane at 6 p.m. (1500 GMT) with themselves and the foreigners still aboard it, according to officials at the American Embassy in Sofia.

Other passengers were told they would be allowed to leave the plane an hour earlier, the embassy said.

"Turkish passengers began plotting, apparently with the pilot, to save the lives of their fellow hostages," said information officer Brian Carlson. In the dramatic close of the hijacking just over three hours before the deadline four passengers were shot and slightly wounded, American officials said, and two hijackers seriously injured.

Details of the hijackers' injuries were not immediately disclosed but Carlson said there were reports one had fallen on his head in leaping from the plane after losing his pistol to attacking passengers. The plane, motionless in a runway at Burgas for some 29 hours, had been taken to within about 250 meters of the airport terminal and two hijackers lured out on the pretext of being allowed to make a statement to journalists. They were immediately arrested, the Bulgarian news agency said.

Carlson said the pilot of the plane then gunned its engines and jolted the aircraft to throw the two hijackers inside off balance so they could be attacked by passengers.

An eyewitness at the airport said that altogether about 18 passengers were hurt in the overpowering of the hijackers. There were also reports that the airliner's crew sought to take off after one of the two hijackers aboard the craft had been disarmed and the second had been overpowered.

According to those reports, Bulgarian militiamen drove their vehicles onto the runway and stationed them in front of the aircraft preventing its takeoff.

However, sources at the airport said that there was little fuel aboard the plane, since authorities had delivered only three tons of kerosene to the craft late Sunday. The amount was sufficient only to keep the craft's air-conditioning functioning.

Riyal adjusted

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 25 — The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) Monday, for the third time in two weeks, adjusted the riyal against the dollar.

The agency advised the local commercial banks in a circular that the new selling rate dropped from 3.3800 to 3.3900 riyals to the dollar. Last week, SAMA had adjusted the riyal's value downward from 3.3700 to 3.3800 prompted by the strengthening of the dollar.

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GCC inaugurated; solidarity stressed

ABU DHABI, May 25 (SPA) — A summit conference of the heads of state of six Gulf Cooperation Council states opened here Monday to usher the birth of the Gulf Cooperation Council under which the Kingdom, Kuwait, the UAE, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman will form a closely-knit group.

King Khaled, Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan of the UAE, Sheikh Khalifah ben Hamad of Qatar, Sheikh Issa of Bahrain, Sheikh Jabar of Kuwait and Sultan Qabous of Oman represented their countries.

In an opening speech, Sheikh Zayed, the host leader, welcomed the leaders and expressed the hope that their efforts will be fruitful and that the council will participate with other Arabs in liberating their lands and the holy Islamic places.

He called on the leaders to sign the articles of association which had been prepared by the foreign ministers of the six at meetings held Saturday and Sunday here. As they signed, Sheikh Zayed congratulated them on this occasion and said the Arab world looked forward to seeing greater unity and meaningful solidarity.

Both the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Conference Habib Chatti and the Secretary General of the Arab League Chedli Klibi addressed the conference and wished it well on behalf of the Arab and Muslims all over the world. Chatti said this was a historic event in view of the extraordinary circumstances in the region and on account of its strategic value and its mineral resources.

"The council," he said "opens new vistas and should be emulated elsewhere in the Arab world." He expressed the support of the OIC for the council which, he said, will help consolidate Islamic unity. Klibi said the

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Khaled upholds council

ABU DHABI, May 25 (SPA) — King Khaled Monday reaffirmed that the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) has been formed not only to serve the interest of the peoples of the region but of the whole Arab nation.

In an arrival statement to the Emirates News Agency (WAM), the King said the GCC is an integral part of the Arab nation, and the GCC is not directed against anyone but represents a periodic meeting among brothers striving to realize prosperity and stability of neighboring peoples. Following is the text of the royal statement:

"I am pleased to meet with my brothers the heads of state and members of the Gulf Cooperation Council. God willing, our meeting will always be one of brotherhood, love and welfare. It also pleases me to convey the greetings of the people of Saudi Arabia to their brethren in the GCC member states. I wish to express my thanks to the United Arab Emirates government of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan and to the people of the UAE for all the manifestations of deep brotherly sentiments they have shown us, and I pray to God to fulfill the aspirations of the peoples of the GCC states.

"We have no doubt that the formation of this council is in the interest of the peoples of

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Italian crisis over Masonic issue deepens

ROME, May 25 (AFP) — As the Italian government reeled Monday under the scandal of three members implicated in a vast Masonic network alleged to have set up a state within the state, Socialist Party leader Bettino Craxi refused to attend a meeting with the three other parties in the ruling coalition.

Announcing his decision not to meet the leaders of the Christian Democrats, the Republicans and the Social-Democrats, Craxi said he believed each party should thoroughly investigate its own ranks first. The meeting, scheduled for later Monday at the close of a current Republican Party Congress, was convened to work out a way to pull the government out of the chaos created by the publication of the names of almost 100 senior members of the political world of big business, the media and even the police, alleged to be members of the P-2 Masonic Lodge.

Three solutions have been put forward, all involving a considerable shake-up of government ranks. The first, backed by the Christian Democrats and a wide section of the Socialist Democrats along with party secretary Flaminio Piccoli, favors a mini-shuffle of the cabinet to allow the current government to hang on until crucial by-elections June 21.

The three ministers implicated in the scandal are Justice minister Adolfo Sarti (Christian-Democrat), whose resignation was accepted Saturday, Labor Minister Franco Foschi (CD) and Foreign Trade Minister Enrico Manca (Socialist). The last two denied involvement Saturday and said they would await official party instructions before stepping down.

The second solution, favored by Craxi and some Christian Democrats and Republicans, calls for changing the entire cabinet. This option would be backed up by a swerve in policy and possibly choosing a Socialist prime minister to replace Christian Democrat Arnaldo Forlani.


The third solution, backed by the Communist Party but reckoned to have the least chance of being adopted, calls for shifting the government firmly to the left. Forlani's government has come in for some of the toughest criticism ever from the Communists since this latest scandal broke last week. This unusually virulent campaign has been backed up all along the line by the liberal-left newspaper La Repubblica.

Spiderman climbs tallest building

CHICAGO, May 25 (AFP) — Daniel Goodwin, 25, dressed as the fictional comic book hero Spiderman, Monday became the first man to climb the world's tallest building, the 480 meter Sears Tower, from the outside.

Goodwin defied attempts by police and security guards to stop him as he rapidly scaled the 110-storey building dressed in an orange and blue costume with the aid of climbing equipment, a rope and suckers. He was arrested when he reached the top.


In 1977, a climber scaled one of the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York to be faced with a bill from the authorities for \$250,000 to pay for damage to the building and police time. But public protest made the city cut the demand to \$1 and 10 cents.



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Causeway to link Kingdom-Bahrain

\$600m pact awarded

By a Staff Writer
JEDDAH, May 25 — A contract for the construction of the causeway linking the Kingdom with the island state of Bahrain has been given to a consortium of Saudi Arabian, Dutch and Japanese companies for \$600 million. The consortium includes Bandar for Trade and Projects, Ballast Nedam of the Netherlands and Mitsubishi of Japan.

Announcing the award Sunday, Bahrain's Finance Minister Ibrahim Abdul Karim said the signing ceremony will be held in Bahrain next month during a visit of the Kingdom's Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khaal, Saudi Arabia will pay the entire cost of the project, which will be 24 kilometers long and take five years to build.

Forty-two international consortia and companies vied for the contract. Sixteen of them made final bids which were considered by the two countries. The bids varied by several million dollars against the official estimate of the realistic cost of the project, not exceeding \$800 million.

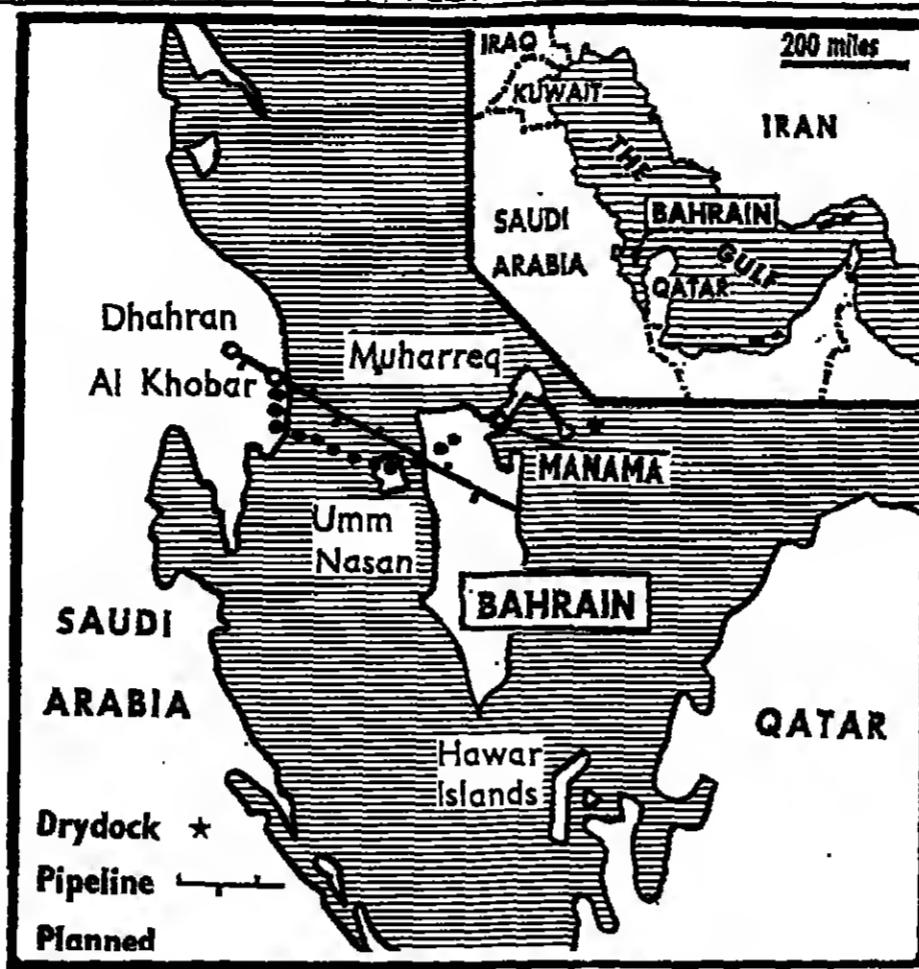
Beggars arrested

By a Staff Writer
JEDDAH, May 25 — The Anti-beggary Bureau here arrested 27 beggars on Thursday and Friday in downtown and Hamra regions, it was reported. Twenty four of them were non-Saudi Arabians, according to Ihsan Saleh Tayeb the bureau's director. He told *Al Medina* Monday that the campaign to eliminate beggars in this Red Sea city will continue according to a plan drawn up by the bureau. He added that the bureau is suffering from a deficiency in manpower.

Once it is completed the causeway should be able to take 2,740 cars per hour. The construction will include either concrete or steel or a combination of both. But has not been decided. One of the conditions attached to the award is that local companies, materials and labor must be involved as much as possible in the construction. This fact has made the project one of the most important topics of conversation in Bahrain and in the Eastern Region of the Kingdom for the last few years since the proposal was first made.

By taking into consideration local conditions and materials the causeway will become the biggest single source of new business to Gulf insurance companies in years. It carries with it the promise of using local subcontractors and prefabrication facilities. In addition to the four-lane causeway itself, there will be five suspension bridges, two major approach roads — one from Manama to Jassa in Bahrain and one from Dhahran and Al Khobar in the Eastern Region. Two border posts and several labor camps will be built for the expected 2,500 to 3,000 workers on the sites.

The project will not be just a link between the two countries. It will forge economic, political and social bonds between the Kingdom and Bahrain as well as with Kuwait, Qatar, UAE and Oman. And with the Gulf Cooperation Council being formed, the physical link will give increased proximity to the member states.



The Saudi Arabian-Bahrain causeway

For municipal projects

Dammam given SR808.6m budget

DAMMAM, May 25 (SPA) — Dammam Municipality was allocated SR808.6 million for its budget this year, officials reported Sunday. Zayed Fahd Al-Sukaibi, Dammam mayor, said that an additional SR300 million has been allocated for compensating people whose land was expropriated for public projects.

The new budget includes asphalt paving and illuminating various streets in Dammam, building a new public park and gardens, fencing graveyards and constructing a new building for the municipality, the mayor said.

Sukaibi added that among the projects

earmarked in the budget is a multi-level parking lot that is under study at present. The municipality also is planning a central vegetable market and a circular road for the city.

The public park which will occupy one million square meters will be located near Dammam's new government complex. It will include gardens, children's playgrounds, swimming pools, fountains and some tame animals and birds. The total cost of the park will be SR100 million, Sukaibi said.

He added that the new park will effectively contribute in benefiting Eastern Province citizens, in addition to the recreational beach facilities in Nisf Al-Qamar and Aziziyya.

New airport to open Saturday

JEDDAH, May 25 (SPA) — Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz Airport will receive a royal airplane Saturday morning marking its opening to regular air traffic, according to the International Airports Projects Authority Monday.

The authority announced that the airport opens to commercial flights on Sunday at 3 a.m. Commercial flights, including Saudia and other international airlines, will transfer their activities to King Abdul Aziz Airport from the present one. The first commercial plane at the new airport will be Saudia's flight number 742 arriving from Casa Blanca, Morocco.

The International Airports Authority called on citizens departing on Sunday to check with their respective carriers on the time and place of their flights. The airport, officially dedicated by King Khaled last month, costs about SR15 billion in its two phases combined.

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Turkish Cyprus visit

JEDDAH, May 25 (SPA) — Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, Islamic Development bank president, left here Monday for the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus on a few days visit. He will hold talks with officials there on relations between the IDB and Turkish Cyprus, and discuss projects that can be financed by the bank. Dr. Ali will sign an agreement with the government under which Turkish Cyprus will receive a \$1 million loan to finance building a high technology institute.

Standard specifications issued

RIYADH, May 25 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Standards Organization issued two projected standard specifications on the construction of concrete when dry and materials mixed with cement to form concrete. The two standard specifications were distributed to concerned parties who were requested to send in their opinions before the proposed specifications are finalized.

UPM applied research

DHAHRAN, May 25 (SPA) — The University of Petroleum and Minerals' Research Institute is undertaking environmental research to tie the university to the society in fields of applied research, specially in things related to petroleum, water, gas, technology and specifications. Dr. Abdullah Al-Dabbagh, institute director, said Monday that among these projects is research on the shifting sand dunes that form an obstacle to roads and the Hasa irrigation system project.

Postal conference continues

MAKKAH, May 25 (SPA) — The ninth Postal Conference resumed its meetings Monday under Samir Banajrah, posts director general. The conference discussed in its morning session several issues related to personnel affairs and finance administration, Ibrahim Al-Bilehi, the conference's department director general said. Minister of Posts, Telegraph and Telephone Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal opened the conference Saturday. The meetings will conclude Tuesday.

Solar phones prove successful

JEDDAH, May 25 — The solar powered telephones proved to be successful and showed good results in emergency calls, according to Wahid Fawaz Kayyal the acting director of Jeddah Saudi Telephone Monday. He told *Al Medina* that the solar telephones have contributed in saving the lives of many citizens by providing contact with police, ambulance and fire departments in roads where accidents occur frequently. He said the Kingdom is a leading country in installing solar telephones in rural areas where telephone networks have not been laid down.

Disabled assistance reaches SR30m

JEDDAH, May 25 — The government has issued more than SR30 million in assistance to families of disabled people. Abdullah Al-Jahlam, assistant deputy minister for rehabilitation, said in a statement at a ceremony organized by Taif Vocational Rehabilitation Institute on the occasion of the International Year of the Handicapped that the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs pays SR10,000 annually for families of disabled persons to help provide for them. The ceremony was held under Deputy Labor and Social Affairs Minister Prince Fahd bin Sultan.

King notes national days

RIYADH, May 25 (SPA) — King Khaled sent congratulatory messages to King Hussein of Jordan and Sudanese President Muhammad Jaafar Numeiri Monday.

King Khaled expressed his fraternal congratulations and best wishes to the Jordanian monarch on the occasion of his country's independence anniversary. King Khaled also wished health and happiness to King Hussein and pride and invulnerability to the Sudanese people.

On the Sudanese national day anniversary, King Khaled offered congratulations and best wishes in the name of the Saudi Arabian people and government. He also wished progress to the Sudanese people.

King Khaled also sent a similar message to Argentinean President J. Rafael Videla on the occasion of his country's independence anniversary.

For \$134m

Arabsat accord signed

RIYADH, May 25 (SPA) — A \$134 million contract was signed at the Arab Space Telecommunications Authority's headquarters here Monday for building the Arab satellite which is expected to go into orbit by 1983. The contract was awarded to the French Aerospaciale company.

The contract was signed by Dr. Ali Al-Mashat, the Arab Space Telecommunications Authority director general and Jacques Mitterrand, Aerospaciale chairman. The signing ceremony also was attended by Pnsts, Telegraph and Telephones Minister Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal and Jordanian Communications Minister Dr. Muhammad Adoub Al-Zab, the current chairman of the Arab Space Telecommunications Authority general council.

Dr. Zabo said in a statement at the signing ceremony that the Arabsat project comprises building three satellites. Each satellite will have 26 channels that will provide 8,000 telephone circuits, seven television channels and one joint television channel.

Dr. Kayyal also spoke at the ceremony and expressed his pleasure at the signing of the contract. He described the projects as an

"economic development project" and said that it will link the Arab states culturally, socially, educationally and in the health field. He added that the project will provide telephone, telex and telegraphic communications in addition to television and radio broadcasting among Arab countries.

He expressed the hope that the project would be a start toward further strengthening of cooperation between Arab states and France. He also directed his thanks to "all who contributed toward the realization of this project."

Arab countries taking part in the project include Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Kuwait, Syria, Tunisia, Qatar, the UAE, Algeria, Morocco, Lebanon, Mauritania, Iraq and Djibouti.

The Arabsat is based in Riyadh where the government donated a site for the headquarters. When in full swing it will handle up to 12,000 inter-Arab telephone and telex calls at once — meeting the Arab world's needs until 1990. The Arab Space Telecommunications Authority decided to call for new tenders last year because a consortium composed of British Aerospaciale, Matra and Tom of France was the only contender.

Jeddah tourism exhibition opens

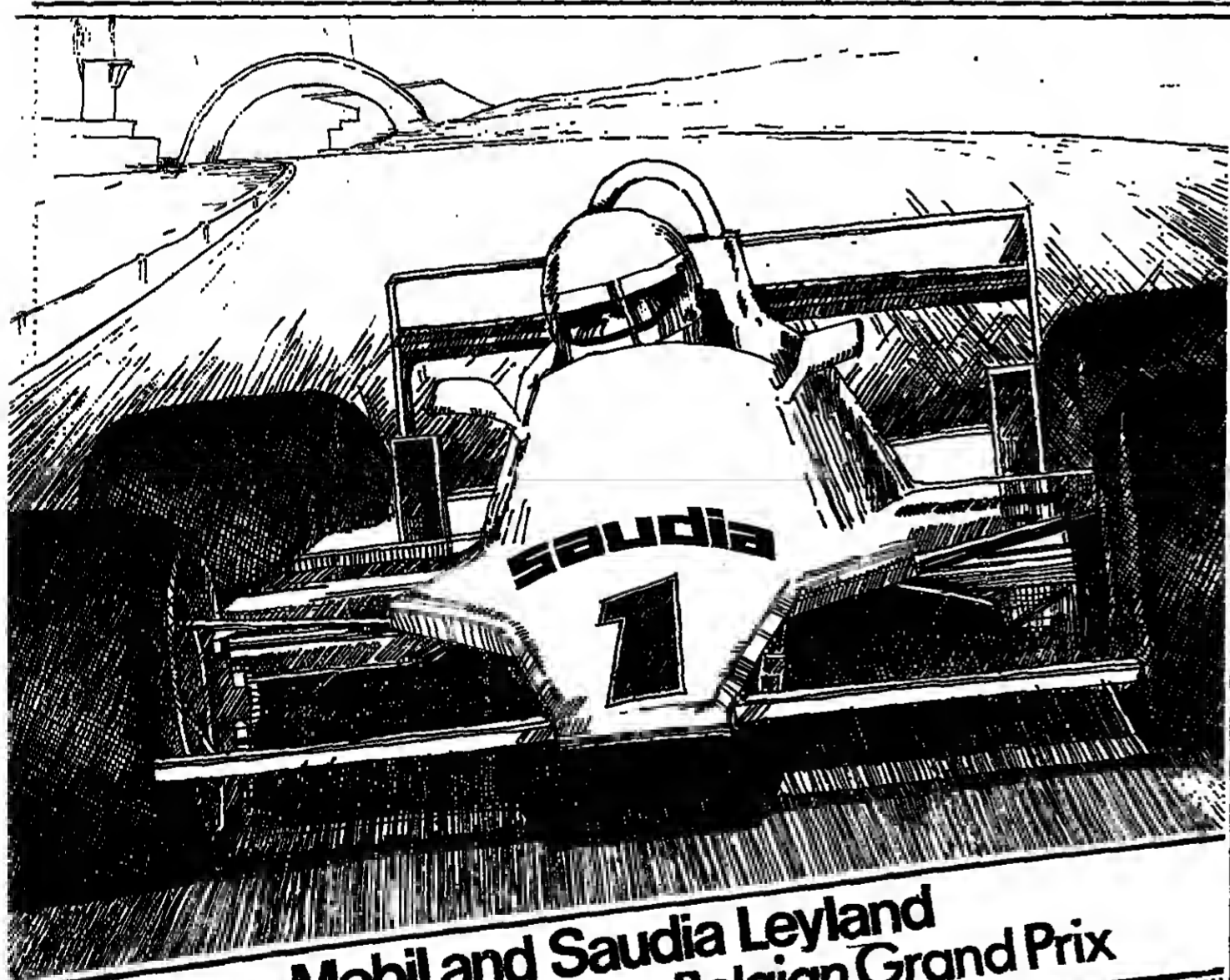
By a Staff Writer
JEDDAH, May 25 — Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi will open the first Tourism Exhibition for 1981 Thursday, according to local reports. The exhibition, organized by a national tourism firm, will last one week.

More than 30 countries and tourism associations will display their tourist features and handicrafts, *Al Medina* reported Monday. The exhibition will provide an answer to citizens' question on where and how to spend the summer vacation every year, the paper said. The exhibition will receive visitors in the

morning and evening. The exhibition will help Saudi Arabian citizens obtain the basic and correct information about the history and culture of the leading tourism countries. Vacationers can then decide how to spend their vacation with sound and correct information, the paper added.

On display at the exhibition will be information, photographs, models of tourist and historical places, hotels, means of transportation and traditions. National festivals, industries, folk dresses and other activities and services also will be shown at the exhibition

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For summer vacation

Ministry helps students find jobs

DAMMAM, May 25 (SPA) — The Labor and Social Affairs Ministry's main office in the Eastern Province has requested all companies operating in the region to provide statements regarding vacancies to be offered to students during their summer vacation.

Abdullah Hamad Al-Rumaih, Eastern



Dr. Ghazi Aljosabi

Gulf nationals allowed shares in industries

BAHRAIN, May 25 (R) — Saudi Arabian Industry Minister Dr. Ghazi Aljosabi, said Monday all Gulf nationals would be allowed to buy shares in Saudi government industrial schemes which might go public.

"This is a pledge," Dr. Aljosabi said, adding that the trend now was for the Gulf states to undertake projects collectively and

Province main labor office director general, said Monday that the office so far received 130 responses offering employment for 706 students during the four-month vacation. The office directed two hundred students from the Eastern Province's towns and villages to the Arab-American Oil Company (ARAMCO), in addition to 100 more from the Hasa Region.

The office also has coordinated with several companies that work with ARAMCO to employ 137 students, Rumaih said. He added that the labor office plans to employ 2,500 students in various educational levels in the Eastern Province during the vacation.

The salary scale for primary and intermediate school students will be SR1,500 monthly, SR1,800 for secondary and commercial school students, and SR2,000 for industrial and health institute students.

Meanwhile, Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khwaiter Sunday issued a decree renewing the secondment of 444 teachers in a number of Arab, Islamic and friendly countries for the year 1981/82 as the Kingdom's contribution to the educational development of such countries.

The secondment includes 177 teachers to North Yemen, 125 to Oman, 21 to Bahrain, 60 to the United Arab Emirates, 11 to Algeria, seven to Mauritania, four to Lebanon, 10 to Pakistan, seven to Malaysia, six to Nigeria, three to the Philippines, three to the Maldives Islands, two to the Comoros, two to Syria, two in Thailand, one to France, one to the Republic of China, one to Ghana and one to Niger.

Another decree issued by the minister Sunday ended the secondment of 101 teachers in a number of countries after the mandate had expired.

In other educational developments, the Eastern Province Girls' Colleges' Faculty of Sciences organized a three-day scientific seminar that began Monday. Dr. Muhammad Afif Al-Harfi, the college's director general, said that the seminar will be attended by women specializing in scientific fields.

The seminar, that will discuss several scientific issues and research, also will be attended by female students and some society women in the Eastern Province.

Meanwhile, Dr. Sayed Muhammad Fareq, visiting professor at Riyadh University's engineering faculty's oil engineering department, will give a lecture on alternative energy sources development in the United States and their impact on the Kingdom. Dr. Fareq is a professor of oil engineering at the Administration University of Canada.

In Makkah, Om Al-Qura' University gave a luncheon Sunday in honor of Dr. Abdulhaziz Nasif, rector of King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah in recognition of his efforts in the service of the nascent university.

In Hail, the fourth Intermediate School held Sunday afternoon the closing ceremony of its annual activities in presence of Sheikh Muqbel Al-Muqbel, the deputy governor of Hail.

Ministers meet Marcia

RIYADH, May 25 (SPA) — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer conferred here Monday with Juan Antonio Marcia, visiting Spanish minister of economy. Talks dealt with the Kingdom's development plans. On Sunday Marcia held talks with Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khali, minister of finance and national economy about bilateral relations and the means to bolster them.

Marcia and his party arrived here Saturday for a three-day visit for the meetings of the Saudi-Spanish Joint Commission on Technical Cooperation which started Sunday.

Salman dedicates railway customs station

RIYADH, May 25 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman dedicated the railway customs station Monday.

According to specialists, the station will reduce tension on road transport by ensuring the delivery of their merchandise through cheaper transport en route between the Eastern and Central Provinces with the result of lower prices for the consumer.

The overall cost of the project has been SR262,371,000, including SR6,180,000 for the feasibility study and final designs; SR227,158,000 for the buildings, structures and warehouses; SR3,533,000 for the internal railways and SR25,500,000 for advanced machinery and equipment.

Sheikh Faisal Al-Shubayl, head of the General Railways Organization, said the station has been delivered ahead of schedule and in less than two years. The depot has large warehouse space and air-conditioned stores as well as 60,000 square meters of cold storage facilities for foodstuffs.

The railways organization will receive the imported merchandise at King Abdul Aziz port in Dammam and carry it through customs and deliver it to the merchant's warehouses at the lowest possible cost.

Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri pointed out that any reduction for merchants and importers in the transport costs of their commodities will automatically lead to a reduction in the purchasing costs for consumers. He related the history of railway development in Saudi Arabia since the first line was opened between Riyadh and Dammam thirty years ago to add to the achievements of King Abdul Aziz, the founder of modern Saudi Arabia.

Prince Salman recalled that King Abdul Aziz had dedicated the same station which is now being modernized in the year 1371H (1951) to be Riyadh's gateway to the outside world. He thanked God for the security and stability enjoyed by Saudi Arabia in the light

During Riyadh ceremony

of the Islamic Sharia (Koranic Law), adding that so many projects had been inaugurated in Saudi Arabia that such ceremonies "are now something ordinary." He hailed the gifts of King Abdul Aziz and his sons to the Kingdom and especially to Riyadh and hoped for more encounters in opening new projects for the people's welfare.

The ceremony also was attended by Hamad Al-Rashoodi, director general of the Customs Department; and Muhammad Zafer Al-Qahtani, the director of the station.

In the evening, Prince Salman presided over a meeting of the Higher Executive Committee for the Transfer of the Foreign Ministry and the Embassies to Riyadh. The committee discussed the development of the diplomatic area and saw preliminary designs for buildings that are to house some of the embassies. Other aspects of the project were also taken up.

The meeting was attended by Finance Undersecretary Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Tassan,

Municipal and Rural Undersecretary Dr. Saleh Al-Malek, Public Works and Housing Undersecretary Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Rashed; Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Saghir, director of the foreign ministry office in Riyadh; Mutsaed Al-Anqari, deputy mayor of Riyadh; and Project Director Dr. Muhammad Al-Sheikh.

Youths tour Kingdom

JEDDAH, May 25 (SPA) — Makkah Governor Prince Majed received Monday the Chinese youth delegation visiting the Kingdom. The delegation is touring the Kingdom at the invitation of the Youth Welfare Presidency. Prince Majed welcomed the youth and wished them a good stay.

The Chinese delegation also visited the new King Abdul Aziz Airport and the truck assembly plant later in the day. The visit is part of the cooperation program between Taiwan and Saudi Arabia and comes in response to a similar tour of the Republic of China by Saudi Arabian youth.

Handicapped students end training

DAMMAM, May 25 (SPA) — Nine handicapped students will complete a course of training at the center for the handicapped here in a few weeks time and start working on their own, according to the principal Abdul Rahman Al Muajam.

Al Muajam said Monday that the students have been trained in the various fields of

watch repair, painting, sewing and electricity. The Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare is making arrangements to find suitable employment for them in these particular trades.

The center has in the meantime paid more than SR2 million in cash aid to many handicapped people in various parts of the country, he said.

Pakistan manpower minister arrives

JEDDAH, May 25 — Pakistan's minister for manpower and overseas Pakistanis, Ghulam Dageer Khan, arrived here Monday night on a four-day visit in the Kingdom, the Pakistan embassy reported.

During his stay, he will call on Makkah Governor Prince Majed ibn Abdul Aziz, and also will meet members of the Pakistani

community. Several thousand Pakistanis are working in the Kingdom, and contribute to the massive development taking place in the country. They include unskilled and skilled workers and professionals, which include doctors, engineers, teachers, bankers and executives, the embassy added.

COMMENT

By Jasser Al-Jasser

Al-Jazirah

The Gulf region has been a target of alien ambitions not only for its natural resources, but for many other considerations. The various factors of dissension and discord have always facilitated the process of isolation to build up and to keep every state of the region under constant threat. As such, it is only logical that the states of the region create some kind of organizational unity, which should help them to minimize the possibility of isolation and being targeted by others.

The belated Gulf Cooperation Council should have been formed much before, but the traces of colonialism implanted cells of dissension here and there and delayed this achievement which reflects the development of political thinking among the peoples of the Gulf.

Now that the council has come into existence, it would seem necessary to realize a political and military merger so that the region represents an international union of its own kind. It is therefore very proper that the cooperation council begins its task with a consideration of the issues of cooperation and economic integration among the Arab states of the Gulf. Such an approach would help the states grow closer to each other — facilitating the development of a political entity in the future.

With such ambitions for the future, the leaders, governments and peoples of the Gulf would be called upon to renounce any regional thoughts which had been given prominence by the colonialists. They will boost their cause only if they keep the national interest above every other consideration. Only in this way, can a powerful political entity be achieved to provide a good start for the coming generations.

Message delivered

MANAMA, May 25 (SPA) — Bahrain Ruler Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al Khalifa received a message from King Khaled Sunday evening on bilateral relations and issues of interest to the Gulf area in general.

The message was delivered to Sheikh Issa by Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Aljosabi, who arrived here earlier in the day.

not individually. There was no place for projects which competed, duplicated or destroyed another in the area, he said.

Dr. Aljosabi flew to Bahrain for an official ceremony Monday marking completion of expansion to the Bahrain Aluminium (ALBA) smelter. The ruler of Bahrain, Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al-Khalifa also attended.

The Bahrain government has 57.9 percent share in ALBA, Saudi Arabia 20 percent and two foreign firms 22.1 percent.

The \$120 million expansion work raised the annual capacity of the smelter by 50,000 tons. The Gulf's second aluminium smelter is in Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates, and there are plans to build up to five more smelters and a bauxite refinery in the region.



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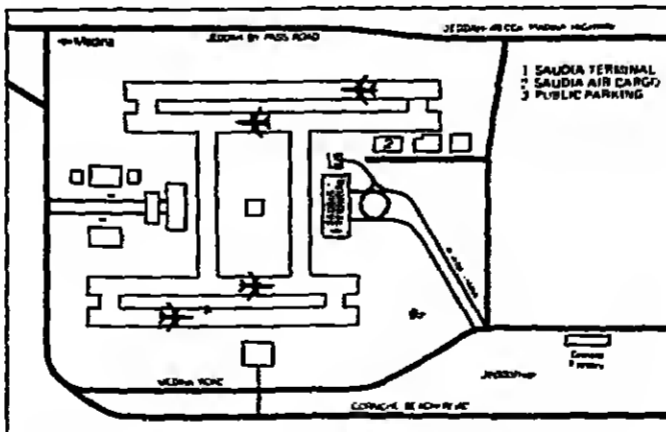
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937	0600	Jeddah/Yanbu
878	0650	Jeddah/Taif
100	0610	Jeddah/Riyadh
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In Beirut

U.S., Sudan, Egypt embassies hit

BEIRUT, May 25 (Agencies) — Unidentified gunmen attacked the embassies of the United States, Egypt and Sudan early Monday, security sources said. The attacks coincided with the visit to Khartoum by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, which has provoked harsh criticism of Sudan by Arab governments and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

The sources said two rocket-propelled grenades hit the third and sixth floors of the Egyptian Embassy, causing damage and injuring Counsellor Youssef Omar Hindi in the hand. Gunmen also fired three rifle-launched projectiles at the U.S. Embassy, hitting the second, third and fourth floors and causing damage but no casualties.

The Sudanese Embassy was hit by a rocket which crashed into a water reservoir on the roof, the sources added. There were no reports of casualties. All the attacks occurred at around 1 a.m.

Hindi heads the Egyptian interests section attached to the French embassy but operating out of the former Egyptian Embassy building. France has represented Egypt in Beirut since Lebanon, along with most other Arab states, reduced diplomatic ties with Cairo following the 1979 Camp David peace agreement between Egypt and Israel.

Sudan recently restored full diplomatic ties with Egypt, Syria Sunday called on the Arab League to take action against Sudan for inviting Sadat to Khartoum.

The U.S. Embassy spokesman said four

rifle-fired grenades slammed into the east side of the building, causing minor damage on the second, third and fourth floors. He said the impact of the grenades shattered windows on those floors. The embassy is located in West Beirut, on the seaside corniche that runs along the city's north shore. The Egyptian embassy also in west Beirut, was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade that pierced a wall on the sixth floor, an embassy security guard said.

The rocket-propelled grenade that was fired at the building housing the Sudanese Embassy, also in west Beirut, missed the embassy offices but hit a tower on the roof. The embassy is on the seventh floor of the nine-floor building.

"We think the attacks are because of Numeiri's proposal of an Arab summit conference to return Egypt to the fold," said a Beirut police spokesman.

An authoritative source said in Damascus Sunday U.S. presidential envoy Philip C. Habib is waiting in Tel Aviv in the hope that he will be able to prevent a Syria-Israel clash on the missiles in Lebanon.

In Moscow, Tass News Agency Monday strongly denied charges by Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin that Soviet advisers were with Syrian troops in Lebanon.

"The inventions of Begin were not only the fruit of an unlimited fantasy, but also an attempt at misinformation to introduce falsehoods into Arab and world public opinion," the agency said. Israel "used this error as

tension was rising in the Middle East," the agency said blaming the current tension on "militarist leaders in Israel."

The Soviet agency said that Israel, abetted by the United States, was the cause of the crisis over Syrian missiles deployed in Lebanon. "Israel, with the help of the United States has launched an unofficial war against the sovereign state of Lebanon," Tass wrote.

Meanwhile, the Palestine news agency Wafa said Sunday that PLO chairman Yasser Arafat has discussed the conflict in Lebanon with Libyan head of state Muammar Qaddafi during a visit to Tripoli. Arafat arrived in Libya Saturday after attending an emergency meeting of Arab foreign ministers in Tunis, which pledged support for Syria, Lebanon and the PLO in the missile crisis with Israel.

Pro-Western party leads in Cyprus poll

NICOSIA, May 25 (R) — The Pro-Western Democratic Rally Party took a narrow lead over the Communist Akel Party in the first results declared from Sunday's Greek Cypriot elections for a 35-seat parliament.

With 34,000 of the 308,000 votes counted, it had won 31.59 percent to 29.57 percent for the Communists. The center-right Democratic Party of President Spyros Kyprianou was in third place with 24.15 percent. The Socialist Edeok Party had 6.52 percent with the remaining votes going to three parties formed mostly by defectors from the president's party.

Turkish Cypriots in the north of the island, which has been divided since mainland Turkish troops invaded in 1974, will vote in their own election next month for a 48-seat legislative assembly.

New Zealand admits talks on Sinai unit

WELLINGTON, May 25 (R) — Informal discussions have been held on the possibility of New Zealand troops joining a Sinai peacekeeping force, Prime Minister Robert Muldoon has said.

Israel, Egypt and the United States agreed to try to set up a multinational force to police the Sinai after the final Israeli withdrawal because of a Soviet threat to veto the establishment of United Nations-sponsored force. Muldoon said: "Although informal discussions at a relatively junior level have taken place regarding the possibility of such a force, no indication has yet been received by the New Zealand government that the U.S., Egypt and Israel contemplates making a formal approach." "In the circumstances, no consideration has been given by New Zealand as to any response that might be made."

Zia to form 250-member council in a month

NEW DELHI, May 25 (AP) — Pakistan President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq's government has decided to set up within a month a "federal council" to replace the defunct National Assembly, a Zia cabinet member has said.

Pakistan's Law Minister S.S. Pirzada told the United News of India (UNI) agency that members of the council will be chosen by the government. He said the country wanted national unity and there was no question of "frittering away the time in elections." The 250-member council "may hold its first session July 1 when the country's budget is due to be announced," he said.

Gen. Zia is "trying to have as many sections as possible — including the elected representatives of the local bodies — represented in the council," said Pirzada, who is also Pakistan's attorney general. The minister, who arrived in Bombay on his way to Colombo, Sri Lanka, said the federal council "will be as good as an elected assembly and will function in an absolutely democratic way," UNI reported.

He claimed that "nobody in Pakistan wants elections now" because of the continued presence of an estimated 85,000 Soviet troops in neighboring Afghanistan, UNI added.

Russia to help Iran expand fleet

TEHRAN, May 25 (R) — The Soviet Union has agreed to help Iran expand its shipping fleet in the Caspian Sea to boost communication between the two countries, state radio reported Sunday.

The radio said that under an agreement recently signed in Tehran, the state-owned Iranian Shipping Company would deal directly with Sudoimport, the Soviet foreign trade organization, for the purchase of ships. But it did not say what type of vessels were involved. Iranian and Soviet officials also agreed to increase freight traffic between the two countries to seven million tonnes in the current Iranian year, which began March 21, the radio said.

Many of Iran's imports from Europe come by rail through the Soviet Union and thence by ship across the Caspian Sea. The route has taken on added importance because Iran's Gulf ports are congested and vulnerable as a result of the war with Iraq.

Meanwhile, the Ports and Shipping Organization of Iran has warned commercial vessels that the north-west of the Gulf is potentially hazardous, the official Iranian News Agency Pars said Sunday.

For welcoming Sadat

Syria wants sanctions imposed against Sudan

DAMASCUS, May 25 (Agencies) — Syria has condemned Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's visit to Sudan and said it would not appoint an ambassador to Khartoum, the official Syrian News Agency said.

The agency said that according to the 1978 Baghdad summit, which ordered diplomatic and economic sanctions against Egypt for its peacemaking efforts with Israel, the same sanctions could be imposed on any country which did not honor the attempt to isolate Egypt from the rest of the Arab world. All but three nations in the 22-member Arab League have broken diplomatic relations with Egypt. Sudan, Somalia and Oman — all Arab League members — retained diplomatic relations with Sadat's government. Although Sudan did withdraw its ambassador from Cairo recently, a new Sudanese ambassador was posted in Cairo, and Sadat is currently visiting Khartoum.

Syria, Libya, Algeria, South Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organization make up the hardline Steadfastness and Confrontation Front which opposes the U.S.-sponsored peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

Meanwhile, Sudan is prepared to act as a mediator to reconcile Egypt and other Arab

states in their dispute over the peace treaty, Sudanese President Jaffar Numeiri said Sunday in the presence of Sadat.

In a speech marking the anniversary of his accession to power 1969, Numeiri said Sudan was prepared to issue a call for a meeting of Arab and Egyptian officials to "overcome the bitterness of an extremely delicate period for the Arab region."

Speaking directly to President Sadat, seated next to him, Numeiri said it was his responsibility for Arab solidarity that Egypt "may be the Arabs' side and the Arabs on Egypt's side."

Kabul, Moscow decide to set up consulates

NEW DELHI, May 25 (R) — Afghanistan and the Soviet Union have agreed to set up consulates in the other's country, Kabul Radio reported. The radio, monitored in New Delhi, Sunday quoted Afghan Foreign Minister Shah Muhammad Doet as saying: "The establishment of consular relations would bring together still closer the people of the two countries."

Egypt cuts arms prices for Iraq

CAIRO, May 25 (AP) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has given Iraq a hefty discount on an arms deal aimed at re-energizing the Iraqis in their war with Iran, sources here say.

These Egyptian sources Sunday confirmed a report that appeared recently in London-based *Ashtarq Al-Awsat* saying Sadat gave the Iraqis a \$10-million discount on artillery, ammunition and artillery parts. This is the second time Sadat has sold arms to the Iraqis.

The notion of Egypt peddling arms to Iraq has created a surprising Middle East scenario, Iraq's President Saddam Hussein

has ridiculed Sadat for the Egyptian-Israeli peace.

Egyptian military officers had told AP that there have been causing arms shipments to Baghdad since the initial one in March.

These same officers said this latest deal did not represent a particularly large package. Neither the officers nor usually reliable Egyptian diplomatic sources could explain why Sadat provided \$10 million discount.

The London-based newspaper said Sadat granted the credit because, similar to previous reasoning, the Iraqis aided Egypt in 1973.

Turkey seizes Soviet-made arms

ISTANBUL, May 25 (AP) — Security forces seized 40 caches of Soviet-made weapons and ammunition believed to be bound for Kurdish fighters in southwestern Turkey, a military communique said.

A communique from the martial law command based in Diyarbakir, in southeastern Turkey, said 40 arrests were made in connection with the seizure. The communique said the seizure was a result of an aerial and land surveillance of activities of gun smugglers in the Syrian-Turkish frontier area.

The weapons included 15 rocket-launchers, 69 rockets, 42 rocket fusillades,

spares for anti-aircraft guns, five crates of rounds of ammunition, 36 Kalashnikov automatic rifles, 140 cartridges and spares and components for weapons manufacturing, the announcement said. The military authorities said the attempted smuggling took place at a usually unguarded border-crossing area.

The weapons belonged to a "diverse organization," a term authorities often use to refer to ethnic Kurdish separatist movements in the area. The organization was not identified in the communique.

To bar influx from Bangladesh

India alerts border police

CALCUTTA, May 25 (AP) — India's Border Security Force has been alerted along West Bengal state's 2,300-kilometer border with Bangladesh following attempts by stranded refugees there to enter Indian territory, Indian officials said Sunday.

Border Security Deputy Inspector-General Bikashkoli Bose said his troops recently drove back a large number of Biharis, Burmese Muslims and Bengali-speaking persons who tried to enter West Bengal, of which Calcutta is the capital. The Urdu-speaking Biharis Muslims, who sided with Pakistan during Bangladesh's 1971 war of independence, have been attempting to go to Pakistan through India to escape what they describe as persecution by the native Bengali-speaking persons.

Some 200,000 Muslims fled to Bangladesh from Burma in 1978 claiming that many of their co-religionists had been slain. India's northeastern Assam state has been virtually crippled since October, 1979, by a powerful student-led agitation demanding the expulsion of millions of alleged aliens from Bangladesh. Most of these aliens were Bengali-

speaking Muslims.

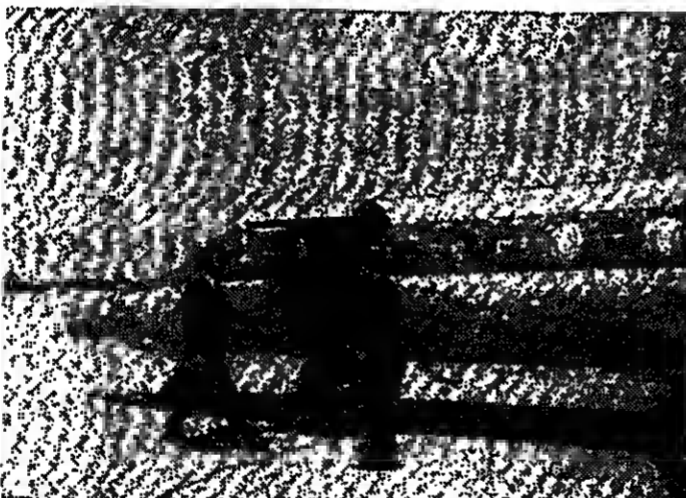
Bose said, "A mobile task force has been formed for round-the-clock vigil along the border, particularly at vulnerable points."

Meanwhile, the Indian government has offered to transfer illegal immigrants in Assam to other parts of the country in a bid to end the crisis in the oil-producing northeastern state, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

The news agency quoted informed sources as saying the proposal was made by government negotiators to Assamese agitation leaders discussing since last week the movement in the state in which more than 290 persons have died.

The government offered to resettle all illegal immigrants, mostly Bangladeshis, who entered Assam between 1961 and 1971, but said the state would have to accept what it called authorized refugees, PTI reported. Previous attempts to resolve the crisis failed after the government said resettling the immigrants would create a serious human problem.

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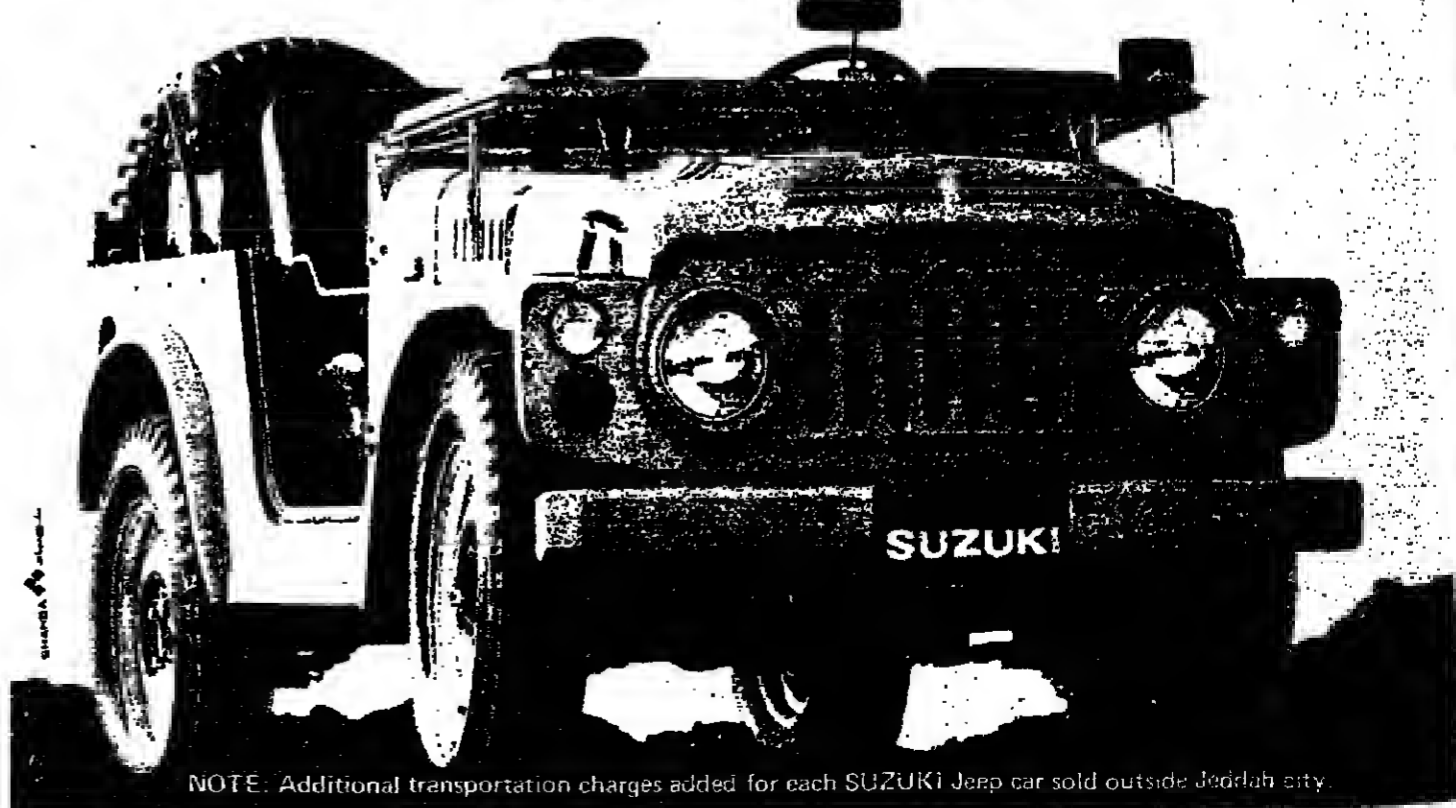
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China worried about 'lost generation'

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON —

A documentary called "Don't Waste your Youth" is China's latest weapon in the drive to tighten ideological discipline among young intellectuals. Since the opening of the Gang of Four trial in November 1980, China's leaders have expressed their fears that an entire "lost generation", addicted either to bad politics or degenerate Western-inspired habits, has infected the universities and the lower reaches of the bureaucracy.

The new film opens with the words: "This is a generation which has been wounded, that has awakened, and has been thinking seriously." Throughout its 60 minutes, the documentary concentrates on Shanghai's young people who triumphed over the adversities of the Cultural Revolution, such as a pianist prevented from practicing during the "ten terrible years" now studying in a conservatory, and a pianist whose persecution for eight years did not prevent his ultimate design for a solar furnace.

But the film includes, too, shots of "young gamblers, wandering smokers, and pursuers of Western life styles," accompanied by the comment: "how my heart aches for you, my young friends. Wake up!"

Shanghai, the film's setting, is traditionally China's center of corruption and the birthplace of any passing fashion. It was also the Gang's stronghold. In more austere Peking, the presidents of the capital's university student unions have just pledged their love for the party, socialism, the people, hard work, and the law. They swore as well not to drink or smoke and called on all Peking university students to follow their lead.

In another northern city, Tianjin, an undergraduate at Nankai University pasted up a poster critical of national politics. After a discussion with the authorities, the student removed his poster, declaring that the party's attention made him "wake up as if from a dream."

The university party committee had convened teachers and students "to analyze extreme ideas among them." Now history lecturers are underlining that without the party there would be no New China, while their colleagues in politics "deal with the superiority of the Socialist system."

In a more fundamental expression of anxiety about intellectuals, the ideologically authoritative *Red Flag* has recently returned to a policy once a hallmark of the Cultural Revolution: political study, even for "experts."

For several years after Mao's death, and the fall of the Gang in late 1976, such serious political study was downgraded on the grounds that most high-powered intellectuals were already good Socialists: "red" as well as "expert." Even Deng Xiaoping maintained that more than an occasional hour or two spent on politics by such specialists was a waste of time.

Now, according to *Red Flag*, studying political courses well, in order to have a correct ideology, is needed in order to study specialized courses well, and adds the "little known fact" that scientific advances tend to "accord with the basic laws of dialectical materialism." — (ONS)



KING'S MESSAGE

King Khaled sought to allay the fears of some neighboring states when he said that the Gulf Cooperation Council was not aimed against anybody or state but that it was intended to be of advantage to the region, the Arabs and the Muslims at large.

The King is not given to making frequent statements to the press. He speaks rarely and prefers to see actions speak on his behalf. But this was too important a moment to be ignored. The birth of the GCC is a momentous occasion in the history of the region, the Arabian Peninsula and the Arab world as it seeks to institutionalize the closeness of the six member states and consolidate their attempts at some form of unity that stands short of full-fledged union or federation.

It is bound to be a salutary contribution to the stability of the region and the security of its inhabitants who have been talked about by some and threatened by others. And the King made it abundantly clear that the security of the region, crucial for the rest of the world by virtue of its oil resources, is the "responsibility of its people who have chosen to safeguard its security, independence and sovereignty, on the basis of self-reliance and within an Islamic framework that is neither pro-East nor pro-West."

This statement is in itself a message to those struggling for positions of superiority in the region, particularly the United States and the Soviet Union who have been beefing up their forces close to the region. The Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan and stationed forces in South Yemen within a rocket's throw from the area while the U.S. has been deploying its navy in the Gulf waters and is forming a rapid intervention force almost solely for the Gulf.

It would have been much better if the region was left alone to fend for itself and to continue to supply the world with its energy needs unmolested and without being overprotected. Superpower rivalry will only make matters worse and bring about the very tensions that they are pretending to prevent.

The GCC is still in its infancy and the road ahead is not exactly a bed of roses but the idea of closer unity, coordinated policies and well-integrated economies is magnificent and the council deserves to be hailed as a historic event of lasting significance.

What if talks on nuclear arms control break down?

By Michael Getler

WASHINGTON —

Specialists in the control of strategic nuclear arms are dealing these days in a world of what-ifs: What if the process of negotiated arms control, already on its most uncertain ground in more than a decade, breaks down completely? What if such a breakdown leads to a no-holds-barred arms race? The questions are admittedly speculative, but experts inside and outside the Reagan administration are grappling with them because the answers are central to the future of international stability in a nuclear age.

What a number of those experts believe is that a decade from now — after an extraordinary outlay of money by both the United States and the Soviet Union — the rough strategic balance that exists today between the two countries may well be unchanged. Paradoxically, while the Reagan administration feels it is the United States that needs to catch up with Moscow, it is the Soviets, with their bigger missiles and open production lines, who are in a better position to set the initial pace in an all-out arms race.

But although its defense industry has dwindled, the United States is not without resources in this contest. With its superior technology and stronger economy — and given the effort that the administration has pledged to rebuild the nation's defenses — the United States probably could offset that Soviet spurt and even regain some of the edge this nation once held.

Even so, a number of specialists conclude that in the long run neither superpower, no matter what the cost, will allow the other a clear edge in inter-continental strategic striking power, the nuclear

power represented in land and sea-based missiles and bombers. It is this prospect that may eventually bring two countries already armed to the teeth back to the negotiating table.

"Neither side will allow superiority, so arms control ultimately is essential," says Seymour L. Zeiberg, deputy undersecretary of defense for strategic systems. "Otherwise, we'll drive each other to the poorhouse. There is no benefit to parity at increased levels."

For the Soviets, an uncontrolled arms escalation could mean severe economic problems. For the United States, says Zeiberg, "We will run out of public support... and into constant problems with Congress... if our only policy is laissez-faire" — to let things just go on. "You've got to have the goal of eventual reductions" in atomic arms.

But the arms race and the future of talks to limit strategic weapons have arrived at a crucial point. Soviet troops are in Afghanistan and around Poland, and the Soviet missile force appears more menacing than it did a few years ago. In Washington and the rest of the Western world generally, the Soviets are now widely perceived as a more dangerous mischief-maker. And the watching eyes in Washington are those of a new administration, one that is harshly critical of the Soviets, skeptical of past SALT agreements and convinced that U.S. defenses must be repaired, with or without arms control, so that even today's rough balance of power is not lost.

The difference in attitude toward arms control between the Reagan and Carter administrations is clear. In a parody of the well-worn phrase about the "mad moment of the arms race," some senior state officials now talk about "the mad moment of arms control," a phrase coined by University of

Chicago Professor Albert Wohlstetter.

Reagan administration officials — among them Richard Burt, director of the State Department's Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs — are known to argue that for a decade the United States has tended to see arms control negotiations as a substitute for making needed improvements in America's arsenal.

In this view, the SALT agreements worked out by the Nixon, Ford and Carter administrations, while well-meaning, in effect failed to solve some real problems — such as the growing vulnerability of the 1,000 U.S. land-based Minuteman missiles to attack by increasingly accurate Soviet missiles. Before the United States can enter into arms control talks, the argument goes, it must improve the effectiveness of its own forces and the ability of those forces to survive a first attack.

Burt is the head of an interagency group — comprising officials from the State Department, the Pentagon, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the CIA and the White House National Security Council staff — that has been studying such questions since February. The group is trying to decide what the United States needs to do to bolster its defenses and then see whether those improvements can be made under the SALT I and Anti-Ballistic-Missile (ABM) defense treaties signed with Moscow in 1972, as well as under certain provisions of the still-unratified SALT II agreement signed by President Carter and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev in 1979.

The administration has made it clear that it doesn't like SALT II, which it thinks allows Moscow too much of an edge in the number and size of missiles, but it has been careful not to throw out the whole treaty yet. "We don't want to be stamped," said a member of Burt's group.

The United States, under pressure from NATO allies to keep some form of arms control alive, is expected to move ahead on negotiations with Moscow on limiting medium-range nuclear missiles based in Europe. But SALT II, which deals with the big ocean-spanning missiles and bombers, is likely to be abandoned as it now exists, and the U.S. administration has not said what, if anything, it will propose in its place.

If the administration does make new SALT proposals to Moscow, defense officials say they expect those proposals to involve sizable reductions in the missile arsenals of both sides. If that doesn't work out, adds a White House official, "equilibrium in a world without SALT will come from competition rather than negotiation and will be established by how fast we can discourage the Soviets from building more land-based ICBMs" of the type that most threaten the United States' deterrent force — its land-based Minuteman missiles.

It is the fear that the U.S. Minuteman missiles are becoming vulnerable to surprise attack that cools the ardor for arms control and fuels the drive for new, less vulnerable weapons. Of such fear was born the air force's proposed MX missile plan, where for a price of \$35 billion to \$60 billion, the United States could build 200 highly accurate, multiple-warhead missiles and shuttle them among 4,600 underground shelters to confuse Soviet attackers.

The debate between the advocates of arms control and the advocates of new deterrent weaponry is centered on the reasonableness of that fear. Many arms control advocates acknowledge that the threat

to the Minuteman force is at least theoretically true, but they argue that it is on the extreme edge of plausibility. For the Soviets to have even mild confidence that such an attack would work, they would have to launch 2,000 warheads, two for each Minuteman silo, with split-second timing over a flight path never before used. They would be betting that a U.S. president would not, in return, fire everything left in the U.S. arsenal, from submarines, bombers and surviving land-based missiles.

Retired Gen. Maxwell Taylor, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Harvard Professor Stanley Hoffmann are among many respected observers who have said publicly that what Hoffmann called this "nightmare scenario" is not convincing. Hoffmann, on the "Bill Moyers Journal" television show, argued recently that the United States has become "too masochistic about the military balance," and wondered aloud if the only purpose of the MX or a reopposed ABM system was "to reassure ourselves," rather than to combat a real threat.

Nevertheless, this administration is concerned about Minuteman vulnerability, as the Carter administration was late in its term. This was partly because of a belief that even the perception of Soviet superiority would be politically useful and partly because American nuclear strategy has been changing in important ways.

The strategy now, as reiterated by the Reagan administration, involves not only seeking to deter war but to "prevail" if one starts. The way to do that with the highest confidence of success, according to the strategy, is to have missile forces that can ride out a nuclear attack and still be able to hit, with pinpoint accuracy, military targets in a tit-for-tat response. The administration believes that Moscow ultimately is deterred only by the prospect of no military victory. Thus the idea is to convince the Kremlin that they cannot win — and may lose.

The level of support for this strategy, which goes back four administrations to the work of former Nixon-era Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger, should not be underestimated, officials say. In 1979, it led to a series of Carter directives on strategy, on survival of key political and government leaders and on a national telecommunications network that ensures that the president or his successor will always be able to get orders to the missile forces.

It is continuing within the Reagan administration's Office of Management and Budget, where a study of wartime command and control needs is under way. While this strategy may make good sense to defense planners and some others, they acknowledge that it also seems to ratify, in the public mind, the idea that limited nuclear war is manageable. That is a thesis that scares many people, including U.S. allies on whose territory a limited war might be fought.

Reflecting on the history of superpower arms control efforts, a member of the Reagan administration's interagency study group thinks that the advocates of arms control, by building public expectations too high, have contributed to the current mood of frustration with the process.

Hoffmann views it differently: "I think it is just at the moment when arms control, after many illusions and excesses of belief, was beginning to become quite useful... including SALT II... that we now throw out everything and say 'since it hasn't brought the millennium, it's really no good at all.'" (WP)

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Monday's issues of the Kingdom's newspapers gave banner headlines to the Gulf Arab summit conference which began in Abu Dhabi Monday. They also highlighted King Khaled's participation as leader of Saudi Arabia's delegation to the historic conference.

Newspapers frontpaged the signing of a SR one billion agreement with the British government for the development of medical services for the National Guard and the operation of its hospital in Jeddah. The agreement was signed by Prince Abdullah, Second Deputy Premier and Head of the National Guard, and British Ambassador to the Kingdom Sir James Craig.

Another prominent page one story reported the King's audience with the French President's emissary, Jacques Mitterrand, who handed the monarch a message from the new French leader.

Newspaper editorials concentrated on the Gulf Summit Conference. *Al Medina* described the Gulf Cooperation Council as the "ideal example", which was hailed by the entire Arab world. The paper held the conviction that the Council will render benefit to the Arab and Islamic world as a whole, and is a model step that ought to be adopted by others. It also made clear that the Council is not directed against anyone, but has been set up to render good

to all Arabs and Muslims. The papers said the Council is a big achievement that has frightened the enemies of the Arabs and Muslims.

In an editorial on the same subject, *Al Riyadh* observed that the Cooperation Council has been constituted to boost Arab solidarity, which will be very much evident in the Abu Dhabi Summit Conference of the six Gulf Arab leaders. It said the security of the Gulf is part of the security of the Arab and Islamic world, exactly as the strength of the Gulf states is considered the strength of the Arabs and Muslims.

Al Jazira said that, while the Arabs waited long to see this historic event take place, others who bear ill-will toward the Arabs were shocked and dejected. Describing the conference as a "big historic event", the paper said it will leave a positive impact on the lives of the peoples of other countries which maintain strategic ties with the Arab world. While it is always good to remain optimistic, it is also necessary to realize the heavy responsibility that the Arabs bear at the present moment, it said, adding that every Arab should feel duty-bound to give full support to their leaders and to implement what they decide upon.

Dealing with the same subject, *Al Bilad* noted that the Abu Dhabi Summit reflects the hopes and aspirations of the Arabs toward the realization of

their cherished objectives through the Cooperation Council. The Arab states of the Gulf are facing very many challenges, but the Arabs of this region have successfully made their significance and power felt through their role in safeguarding the security and stability of the region, the paper said. It added that the Cooperation Council has already adopted objectives for which Arabs have long aspired.

Al Nadwa hoped that the deliberations of the Abu Dhabi Conference will result in a big positive step, turning a new page in the life of the region with all its long-range effects on the world as a whole. The paper added that all eyes are focused on the Gulf summit, as it will unify all its efforts for realization of a bright future for the region.

Okaz also dealt with the same topic, saying that the leaders of the six participating states have, in the past years, worked with full cooperation and coordination to be able to bring into existence the Cooperation Council, through which they will now map a strategy for the Arab states of the Gulf. They have striven to maintain the independence of the region and to keep it away from the policies of "axis" and "polarization," it said. The paper added that the Gulf contribution to the Arab and Islamic issues will be bigger than before, as it will come from a single channel and a united vision.

Toronto takes the place

Montreal loses 'premier city' status

By Stanley Meisler

MONTREAL (LAT) — It is not clear yet whether Montreal is turning into a big Milwaukee or a Rome, but it is clear that it no longer can be what it once was — the premier city of Canada.

In the 19th century, Montreal was powerful enough to compete with New York as the great port of North America. For the first half of this century, Montreal dominated Canada as the center of finance, commerce, transportation and manufacturing.

Montreal, the main city of the largely French-speaking province of Quebec, has the gift of two languages, though some Canadians might regard it as a curse.

The economic problems of Montreal were probably inevitable, but the tension of language has surely accelerated them.

All the talk about the loss of economic place and power, however, distorts the reality of Montreal. The city, with a population of 2.8 million in its metropolitan area, is far from moribund.

Even its lost power may contribute to its ease. "Montreal has all the comforts of a city past its prime," Milda Danys, a Montreal writer, said.

Much like a European city, Montreal has scores of cafes where a student of life can while away the night with coffee.

"Montreal businessmen," journalists Sheila McLeod Amopoulos and Dominique Clift wrote in a recent book, "... carried with them the conviction that they were part of a vast English industrial, capitalist continent while the French were marginal people with no economic, political or even cultural future."

a French look and that French speakers would attempt to wrest dominance of the city from the English speakers some day.

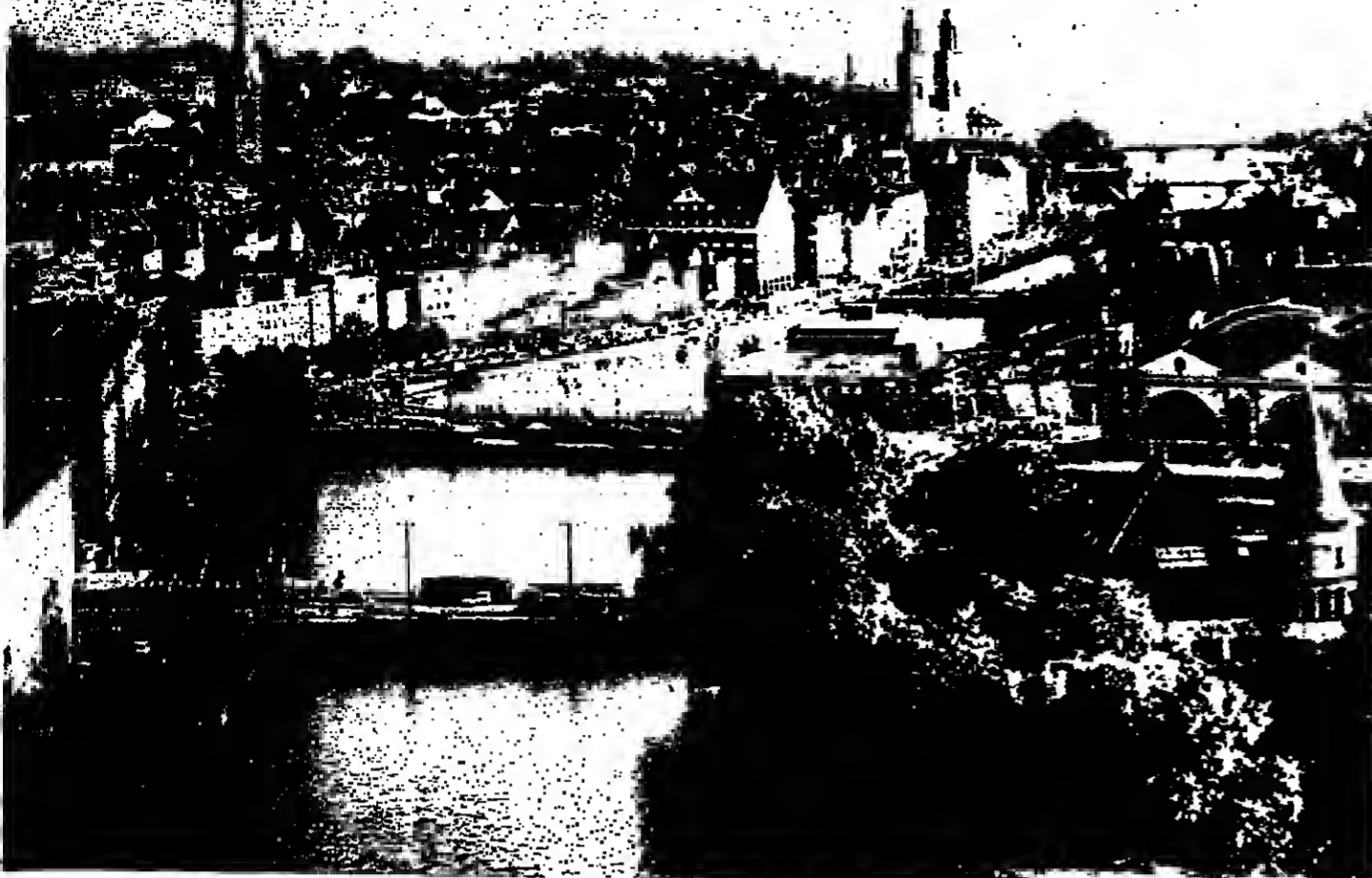
Levesque's instrument was Quebec's Charter of the French Language, better known in Montreal as Law 101. Enacted in 1977, this law, among numerous other provisions, requires businesses in the province to have their names and public signs in French only.

The language law, in fact, probably makes Montreal seem more French than it really is. According to the 1976 census, only 65 percent of the residents of Montreal were French speakers.

English speakers, in fact, still dominate the executive positions in the business world. The municipal government recently published a pamphlet with short statements from the presidents of the 25 leading corporations in Montreal.

Most English speakers are uncertain about their future. As Montreal takes on more of a French character, their opportunities diminish.

Montreal's decline as the economic and financial center of Canada began long before Rene Levesque and the revival of French nationalism in Quebec.



An aerial view of Zurich, Switzerland.

Youth unrest grips Zurich

By W. Joseph Campbell

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — This gracious, glittering city — the largest in Switzerland and one of the wealthiest in Europe — wears a badly distorted face.

Zurich clearly has suffered since May 30, 1980, when angry youths took violently to the streets. The immediate provocation was the municipal government's plans to spend 62 million francs (\$29.7 million) to renovate the City Opera House.

The Zurich disturbances have been blamed for more than 5 million francs (\$2.5 million) in property damages, scores of injuries, more than 1,008 arrests, nearly 750 penal proceedings — staggering figures for a tiny country that values its reputation for stability and order.

There has been an uneasy, infrequently broken truce in Zurich since city authorities permitted the opening last April of the long-demanded "autonomous youth center," intended to be a "free space" for personal development through counterculture activity.

The young members of Zurich's curiously decentralized, nihilistic, heterogeneous, and "political" "Bewegung" (movement) say matter-of-factly that the opening of the center by no means signals an end to agitation or the demise of the movement.

"It's a new beginning," said a 27-year-old language tutor who frequents the center. "It will be the place for reunion for the movement, where we can meet and decide how to continue the fight."

Its restive youths have been described in the Swiss press as "a raging mob, blind with hatred" after one of the periodic clashes with police this spring.

There have been recent scattered instances of squatters occupying abandoned buildings in Zurich. Disenchanted youths have twice thrown up clapboard "settlement" — self-styled "slum towns" — in exclusive neighborhoods to underscore the housing squeeze.

The most comprehensive examination of Switzerland's youth unrest was conducted by Segond's commission. Segond said in a recent

interview that the study's major points remain pertinent, including its most provocative statement: "For the youths who demonstrate in the streets, violence is the expression of a desperate situation, and an expression of their distress... violence is not a goal in itself, but a means of expression."

The study warned against blaming an extreme minority. "The violence and the extremism are the consequences of an isolation from which a large number of people of all ages in our society suffer," the study said.

The commission said the root causes of unrest included: difficulties in finding jobs during a period of economic sluggishness and uncertainty, failings of the nuclear family to offer "sufficient possibilities for social development," and the restrictions and regulations imposed in modern life.

New training program for pilots

By a Science Correspondent

LONDON — A novel system is being tested in California that will greatly advance pilot training programs. The Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, California, has designed an environmental chamber with simulated fog and rain.

The transparent chamber is positioned between the windshield of a simulator cockpit and a television monitor screen showing an image of the airport runway. A trainee

pilot looking through the windshield sees a realistic view of the airport as it would actually appear through fog and rain.

The new chamber can reproduce fog halos like those seen around lights at night, optical distortions caused by raindrops, and "veiling luminance," the effect of fog appearing more dense when light is shining through it.

The mist can be cleared out of the chamber almost instantly, or its density can be increased or decreased abruptly to represent the conditions of a specified runway visual range from zero visibility to 30 miles.

Egypt digs biggest water reservoir

By Jonathan Wright

THE NEW VALLEY, Egypt (R) — In its Saharan oases, where rain is unknown, Egypt is digging an underground reservoir of water the size of the state of Texas, in the same way as other Arab countries drill for oil.

The reservoir, covering an area of about 686,000 square kms was formed 25,000 years ago when rainwater drained off Central Africa's Tibesti mountains in Chad in a more humid age.

In the two main oases, Kharga and Dakhla, the Egyptian government's drive to turn the desert green has increased water production three-fold since 1960.

No one knows just how long it will last. Estimates by experts vary from 780 years to only 50 at high production levels.

The costs are high but with the country's population and food import bill both rising rapidly, land reclamation is apparently worth it.

Most of the new land will be on the edges of the overcrowded Nile Valley and delta where 41 million Egyptians occupy an area the size of the Netherlands.

Newvalley Governor Mahmoud Birnis believes his province can contribute a modest 6,000 hectares to the national target by the middle of this decade.

In the oases, that amount of land, supplied by deep wells with a life expectancy of only 15 years, will cost \$63 million to establish.

High rates of evaporation, the slight salinity of the water and shifting sand-dunes that swallow up carefully nurtured fields all add to the difficulties.

Once the wells are dug, the ground must be levelled, the soil leached of salt, drainage installed and trees planted as windbreaks.

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At U.N. conference

New French regime opposes apartheid

PARIS, May 25 (AP) — Claude Cheysson, the newly appointed minister of external relations in France's Socialist government, declared his solidarity and support Monday with all countries struggling against racism and apartheid in South Africa and Southwest Africa (Namibia).

"We salute those who have died and suffered and suffer still so that Africa can be free and that Africans can rediscover their dignity," Cheysson said in his first official speech since being named foreign minister three days ago. He spoke to delegates from more than 100 countries attending a special U.N. conference to develop and implement further economic sanctions against South Africa.

Rail line blown up in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, May 25 (R) — Black nationalists attacked a police station and blew up a railway line in separate incidents near South African cities Monday, police said. No one was hurt in the attacks apparently timed to coincide with Republic Day anniversary celebrations this week.

Police said the police station, about 10 kms from the Indian Ocean port of East London, was attacked with a hand grenade and rifle fire. The grenade was thrown through a window of the charge room which was empty at the time.

U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim also spoke out against the apartheid regime and its continuing refusal to negotiate independence for mineral-rich Namibia which Pretoria controls.

Cheysson, known as one of the Third World's closest friends in the West, was interrupted several times by applause. French President Francois Mitterrand is expected to take a much tougher line against trade and other economic cooperation with South Africa than did his predecessor Valery Giscard d'Estaing, under whose regime the Pretoria government became France's fifth largest trading partner.

"Tens of thousands of Europeans died in World War II because of racism," Cheysson said. "Never again and nowhere else can we allow people to be hated and isolated because they are different."

Cheysson drew particularly loud applause when he told the delegates that the estimated two million African immigrants and their families in France would be allowed to stay and work because they are protected by the laws of the French Republic.

The special conference, convened under the auspices of the U.N. Educational, Scientific, Cultural Organization (UNESCO), is expected to approve a list of wide-ranging economic sanctions against South Africa and any countries which refuse to abide by the boycott.

Ripper home attracts tourists

LONDON, May 25 (AP) — Hundreds of Sunday motorists drove to the Yorkshire town of Bradford to gaze at the home of Peter Sutcliffe, the 34-year-old truck driver who committed the Yorkshire Ripper murders.

Traffic police said they had to set up no-parking cones to keep the cars moving in Garden Lane in Heaton suburb, but the cones did not stop drivers leaving their cars briefly to photograph the house.

Some families said they drove 160 kms for the outing on the third day of the four-day spring holiday. Sutcliffe's wife Sonia was not at home and the house apparently was empty.

In Great Yarmouth on the Norfolk coast, Mayor Gordon Chapman protested over a figure of Sutcliffe placed in a local wax-works within hours of the end of his trial at London's Old Bailey Friday. The killer was jailed for life for murdering 13 women and trying to kill seven more from 1975 to 1980.

"I think it is in very bad taste for the town," Chapman said. Later the figure, shown behind bars brandishing a screwdriver like Sutcliffe's mutilation weapon, and with a woman victim lying in the background, was covered over.

Despite appeals from two lawmakers and families of victims there is to be no official public inquiry into how West Yorkshire police banished the five-year hunt for the Ripper in a triangle of northern England towns. Yorkshire lawmaker Martin Flannery said he thought it was "ludicrous" not to hold one, and his colleague Tom Torney said there must be no whitewash.

The Home Office, which controls the police and prisons, said no public inquiry is

planned but there will be two police inquiries, one by Sir James Crane, chief inspector of constabulary, and the other by Ronald Gregory, West Yorkshire chief constable.

The Home Office said that Crane's private report will be sent to all heads of the 43 regional police forces in England and Wales to see what can be learned from the man-hunt.

Police sources said Krane will examine accusations by the press and public that Ripper squad detectives were overwhelmed with paperwork and overlooked vital clues that could have nailed Sutcliffe earlier and prevented several murders. The police had his fingerprints and numerous reports of his car being sighted in red light districts, where he selected women for killing.

Both inquiries are expected to recommend introducing computers to replace traditional filing systems. Sutcliffe was interviewed nine times as a suspect before he finally was arrested over stolen auto plates. The police kept records of 21,000 interviews.

Press reports Monday said police plan to interview Sutcliffe in prison about a theory that he may have had an accomplice.

Some detectives believe that Sutcliffe either was involved in or knows something about other murders that remain unsolved, and that he may have had an accomplice who also is a murderer.

David Yallop, a writer who has brought out the first book on the case following the trial, called *Deliver Us From Evil*, believes that Sutcliffe is responsible for at least two murders.

Official's remark resented Sino-Indian rift erupts

PEKING, May 25 (AFP) — Fundamental disagreement between China and India over Southeast Asia resurfaced Monday with a newspaper slanging match just one month before an official visit to New Delhi by Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua.

The *People's Daily* Monday attacked Indian Foreign Secretary Eric Gonsalves for recent statements he made to the Malaysian *New Straits Times* newspaper describing Chinese leaders as "idiots". An official Chinese spokesman announced Monday that Huang's visit, the first by a Chinese foreign minister since the 1962 border war, would begin on June 26.

The *People's Daily* quoted comments on the Indo-Chinese situation in the *Straits Times* attributed to Gonsalves. "The biggest imbeciles are the idiots in Peking," the *People's Daily* reported him as saying. "In my view, these Peking imbeciles are provoking the Soviets to arrive on their southern border, whether they want it or not."

The *People's Daily* countered that India's recognition of the Vietnamese-backed Phnom Penh government last year had been an "idiotic" act.

The newspaper said it was particularly deplorable that Gonsalves should have made "unfriendly remarks" at a time when "the Chinese and Indian governments are exerting efforts to improve their relations." Huang cancelled his first planned visit to India following Indian recognition of the Phnom Penh regime. Gonsalves visited China a few weeks before the Indian recognition.

Kenya blames Marxists for unrest

NAIROBI, May 25 (AFP) — Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi has accused "Marxist" lecturers of Nairobi University of using the students to spread anarchy in the country, the Kenya News Agency reported. He said the "so-called Marxists" at the campus and elsewhere had wrecked the lives of students from poor families by using a few misguided elements, particularly students from rich families, to cause chaos.

Moi disclosed that he had stopped some university lecturers from leaving the country after the recent disturbances at the campus that led to its closure. "These lecturers behind the disturbances must stay here and suffer for their hideous acts," he said. "Poor

parents undergo terrible hardship striving to educate their children and yet those agents of Marxism continue disrupting the smooth running of the university to the detriment of those whose cause they claim to champion," Moi added.

The university was closed indefinitely on May 18 following three days of disturbances by students supporting government doctors who have been on strike over pay grievances since May 7. The students were ordered by Education Minister Joseph Kamotho to return to their home districts and report to district administrative officers, tribal chiefs or their nearest police station every Friday and Monday.

Moscow 'discovers' mass media

MOSCOW, May 25 (AP) — The Soviet Union is putting strong new emphasis on public relations in an apparent effort to improve its image abroad and win favorable publicity for Soviet domestic and foreign policies.

Soviet sources say public relations efforts begun in the past two to five years represent a significant shift in propaganda techniques, aimed at reaching increasingly sophisticated foreign citizens, journalists and politicians.

Soviet spokesmen fluent in English, French and German are appearing more and more on foreign radio and television programs, while experts from Moscow on arms and other policies are being sent abroad for public debates.

Moscow Radio has sharply revamped its foreign broadcasts in recent years to reach wider audiences, and Soviet authorities are boosting increasing numbers of international conferences and festivals on subjects ranging from science to classical music. "The Russians have finally discovered the mass media," a European diplomat based in Moscow said. "They have toned down the old

propaganda slogans, and are trying a whole range of new things to make themselves seem more human and more reasonable."

The Soviet news media still rails at "capitalist" plots and "imperialist" warmongering in the West, but Soviet spokesmen are able to talk in less strident terms to selected Western audiences. In 1976, one year after the Helsinki agreements on the free flow of international information, Soviet authorities gave foreign reporters direct access to many Soviet organizations, multiple-entry visas and more travel privileges.

Recent efforts to reach more foreign citizens directly have included new international festivals, including the annual book fair and international music festival in Moscow.

Also, since 1978, the number and quality of press conferences arranged by the Foreign Ministry have improved. Soviet information policies in many fields are still far short of what most Western countries offer. Despite repeated requests by foreign journalists, the Soviet Union has made no move to hold regular daily or weekly briefings in Moscow on foreign affairs or domestic matters.

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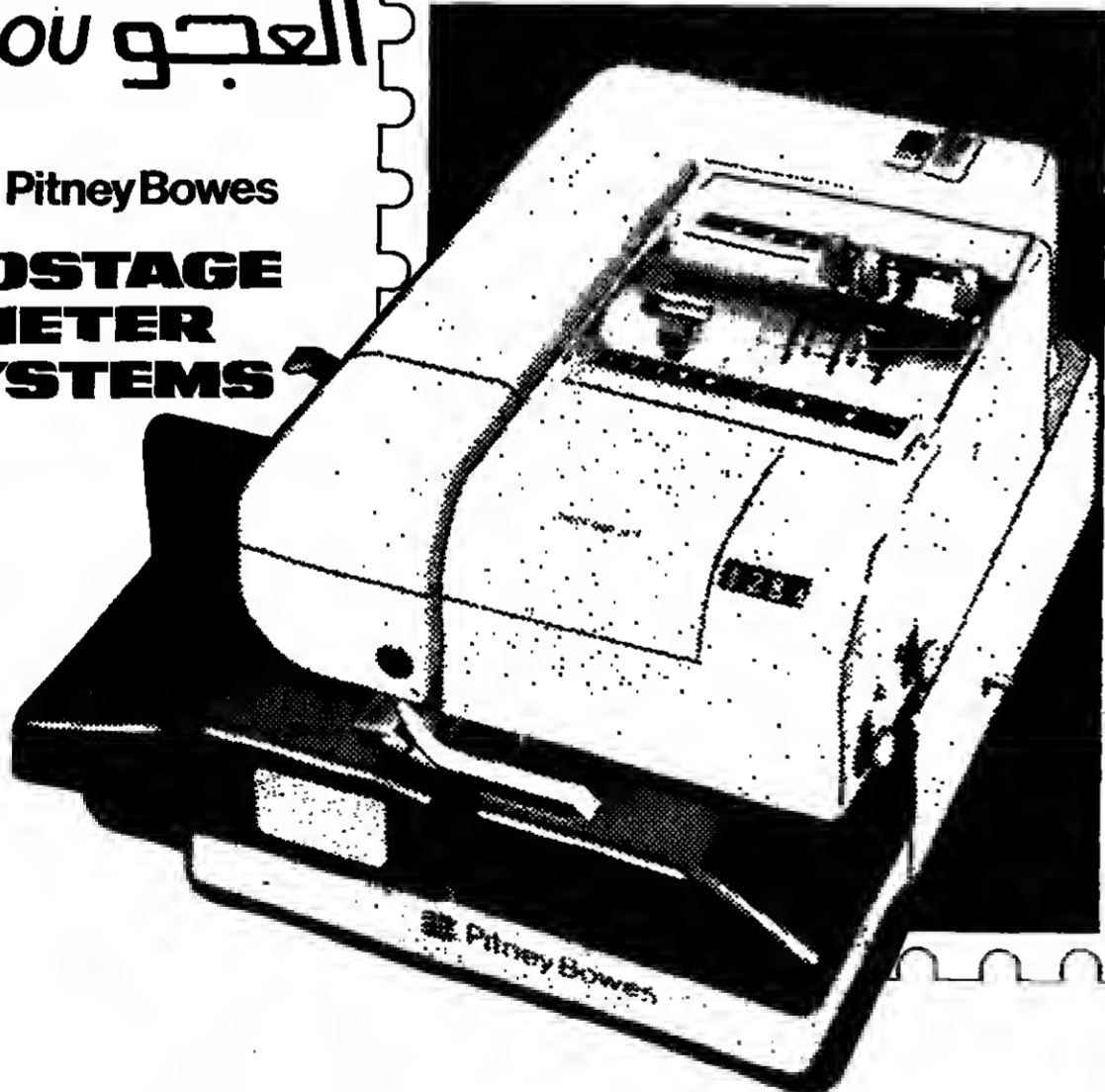
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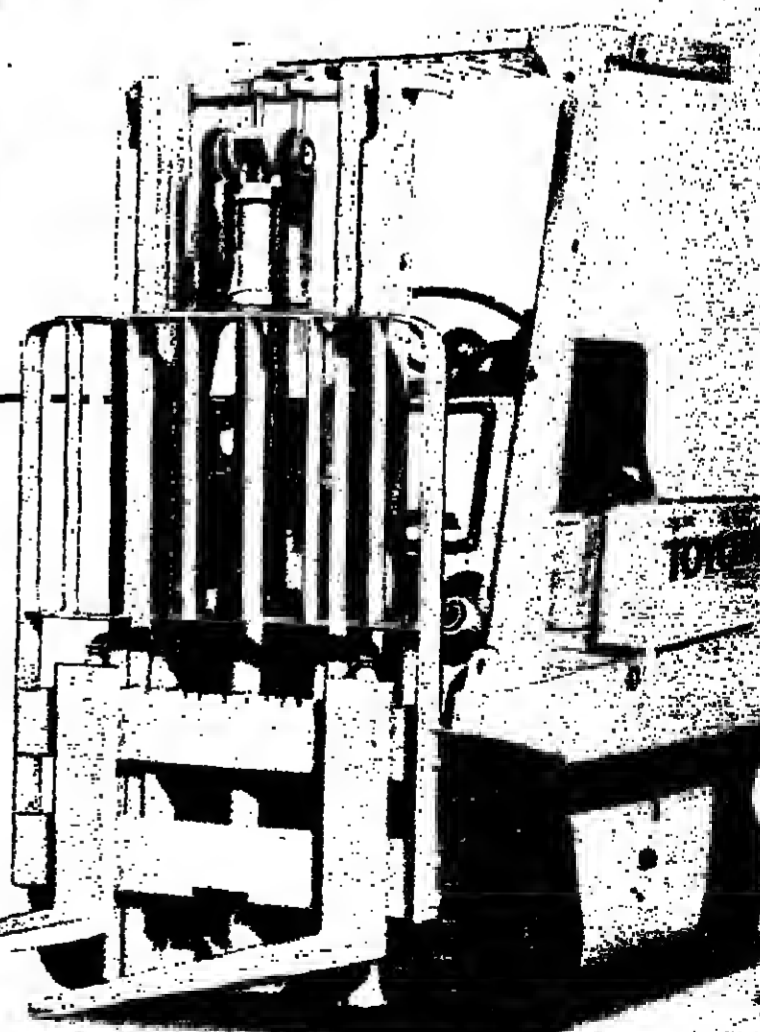
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Wife, 7 others victims

Ecuador president dies in crash

QUITO, Ecuador, May 25 (AP) — President Jaime Roldos, his wife and seven other persons were killed Sunday when their executive plane crashed in the Andes Mountains near Ecuador's southern border with Peru, the presidential palace announced.

Vice President Osvaldo Hurtado issued a statement saying the cabinet and leaders of the House of Representatives met in emergency session, with Hurtado named to assume the presidency. House President Raul Baca Carbo was to replace Hurtado as vice president, it said.

The report said there were no survivors aboard the British-built Avro, a twin turboprop plane. Other victims were listed as Roldos wife, Martha, Defense Minister Gen. Marcos Sobia and his wife, two military aides, Lt. Col. Hector Torres and Lt. Col. Armando Navarrete, the pilot, Maj. Marco Andrade, a co-pilot, Lt. Galo Romo, and a stewardess, Soledad Rosero.

Hurtado's brief announcement said the accident occurred near Guachanama, about 16 kms from the frontier town of Macara. It reported the plane crashed while flying between Zapotillo and Quito, about 482 kms north of the site of the accident.

Government officials said the plane was returning to Quito from Loja, where Roldos, 40, had flown for the annual ceremony marking the battle of Pichincha that gained Ecuador's independence from Spain in 1822. In the coastal city of Guayaquil, many



President Jaime Roldos

learned of the president's death when a World Cup soccer game between Ecuador and Chile was interrupted for the announcement. Many in the stadium wept.

Roldos, a lawyer, was elected April 29, 1979, in a second-round election. He received more than a million votes, the most ever cast for a presidential candidate here. He took office on Aug. 10 as the first constitutionally elected chief executive after

more than a decade of civilian and military regimes.

Radio reports from Guachanama said Sunday night that the victims' bodies had been found in the wreckage, but were burned beyond recognition. The radio reports said the air force plane crashed in heavy fog during a rainstorm, striking a mountain and exploding at 3:40 p.m. local time.

The death of the president made a profound impact on this South American country, which has a population of about 8 million people.

Roldos, who took office at 38, was Ecuador's youngest president ever. He ran for office as head of the center-left Concentration de Fuerzas Populares (Coalition of popular forces) Party, which had been the main opposition party under previous military governments.

Television and radio stations suspended regular programming and reported on the accident, gave details of the young president's biography and repeated tape recordings of the speech he had given only a few hours before the accident.

Radio stations broadcast appeals for people to "remain calm, stay in your homes... during this difficult hour of test for our nation."

"Ecuador needs peace and tranquility," one radio broadcaster said during a news program sandwiched between funeral music. The government decreed eight days of national mourning.

At air defense command U.S. alert system fails

WASHINGTON, May 25 (R) — The United States' multibillion-dollar nuclear attack warning and worldwide communications network has broken down repeatedly in crises, according to a government report.

The draft report by the General Accounting Office (GAO), the investigative arm of Congress, is yet to be released but a copy was obtained by Reuters. It says U.S. security has suffered due to bungling and the Defense Department's mismanagement for more than 10 years of a system which cost between \$10 and 15 billion.

The document says the Pentagon erred in the late 1960s by buying the wrong computer system for the worldwide command and control system (Wimmex). The air force then bungled efforts to correct the problem, and chronic computer failures continue today, the report says.

Government officials familiar with the report said that, as a result, Wimmex computers designed to flash warnings of a Soviet missile attack against North America had often failed. They said the Wimmex system had also failed during every military crisis of the last decade.

The purpose of Wimmex is to provide the president and U.S. military commanders across the world with the most up-to-date military intelligence and early warning data. This information would then be used for decisions on matters such as when, where and how to deploy troops, or whether to retaliate against an apparent nuclear attack.

Yet, according to the GAO draft report, many military officers regard Wimmex as "the weakest link in our military reaction posture." The report cites several recent false alarms of atomic attack caused by computer errors.

According to government officials, Wimmex early warning computers at the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) in Cheyenne Mountain near Colorado Springs, Colorado, have failed repeatedly due to power blackouts. In one case in the late 1970s, lightning struck Cheyenne Mountain and all computers went out for more than an hour, some for over 12 hours, they said. The GAO report says the reason for the blackouts is that NORAD lacks a power source which cannot be interrupted.

Officials said other reasons for many failures were that the system is outmoded, excessive demands on its capacities, and poor programming which caused the computers to give incorrect information. Pentagon officials said the GAO's criticism was exaggerated and that the mission of warning against a Soviet missile attack would not be jeopardized by a computer failure because backup computers were available.

However, other government officials say the backup system is antiquated and that when the computers fail there are gaps during which a real Soviet attack could go undetected for crucial minutes.

1 in 10 Americans aged 65 or older

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP) — More than one American in 10 is aged 65 or older and the elderly are becoming one of the fastest growing segments of the population, the census bureau has reported.

The new statistics from the 1980 head count confirmed earlier reports that the median age of the U.S. population is now 30, meaning that half of all Americans are 30 or older. The report said that persons aged 65 or older now constitute 11.3 percent of the population, up from 9.8 percent in a decade earlier. The median age in 1970 was 28.

Florida, the haven for retirees, had the highest median age at 34.7 years, but other states with high median ages tended to be concentrated in the northeast.

The lowest median age, 24.2 years, was recorded in Utah. The end of the "baby boom" and improving medical care for the elderly have been the contributors to this general aging of the American population.

Older persons live longer, adding to the elderly end of the spectrum, while young people choose to have fewer children, reducing the number of very young. This trend is expected to have major effects in coming years, the report said.

Girl quits plastic home, makes medical history

PARIS, May 25 (AFP) — Aurelie, a three-year-old French girl whose only experience of life was in a tiny sterile bubble, made medical history this week by successfully leaving her plastic home to live a normal life.

After seven bone marrow donations, taken from aborted human foetuses as none of Aurelie's family had compatible tissue, the little girl built up sufficient immunological defenses to face normal life, and will be off to kindergarten in September.

Aurelie was born with no ability to resist infection and everything that entered her small plastic world, had to be carefully sterilized. She spent this weekend smelling her first flowers and getting to know her parents and brother without the restrictions of a plastic wall.

Aurelie was saved as her condition was detected at birth by doctors alerted by the death from immunological deficiency of a brother two years earlier.

Mrs. Reagan opposes law to control guns

WASHINGTON, May 25 (R) — First lady Nancy Reagan has said that despite the recent attack on her husband President Ronald Reagan, she still agreed with his opposition to gun control.

"The man was breaking the law to begin with and I don't see how putting one law on top of another law is going to do anything," she said of his would-be assassin in an interview Sunday with the magazine *U.S. News and World Report*.

"We should enforce the laws we have, which I don't think we're doing," Mrs. Reagan said, adding that the assassination attempt would have a long-lasting impact around the White House.

Reagan was shot in the chest as he left a Washington hotel March 30. Three other persons were wounded, including his press secretary James Brady who is recovering after a bullet passed through his brain. Mrs. Reagan said the president would continue to mingle with the public but stressed that more precautions would be taken.

Allende sister commits suicide in Havana hotel

HAVANA, May 25 (R) — Laura Allende, sister of the late president Salvador Allende of Chile, committed suicide Friday by jumping from the 18th floor of a Havana hotel, the Cuban News Agency AIN reported Saturday. Salvador Allende was killed during a military coup in 1973 led by Gen. Augusto Pinochet who succeeded him as president. Laura Allende was deported from Chile in 1975.

AIN said she took her life "because of the refusal of the Chilean fascist government to allow her to return to Chile." Chilean exile sources said she was suffering from cancer and had been depressed since the death of a grandchild in Cuba last year.

In 1977, the daughter of Salvador Allende, Beatriz Allende, shot herself dead in Havana.

Injured American tourist visits Pope

ROME, May 25 (R) — One of the American women tourists injured in the attempt on the life of Pope John Paul 12 days ago Sunday paid him a brief visit in his hospital suite, the Gemelli Hospital announced. Rose Hall, 21, from Shirley, Massachusetts, who now lives in Germany with her husband Kenneth, was shot in the left arm by one of the bullets which

also hit the Pope.

Her arm was still in plaster when she went from the Central Rome hospital where she has been in care to the Gemelli clinic in the northwest of the city where the Pope is recovering. "The Pope appeared very weak but greeted us cordially."

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Democrats foresee deal on tax-cut plan

WASHINGTON, May 25 (R) — A leading Congressman has said he saw possibilities for a compromise on President Reagan's plan to cut taxes by 10 percent for each of the next three years.

House of Representatives Democratic majority leader Jim Wright predicted that a compromise could be achieved if the White House were willing to give more tax relief to middle and low-income Americans.

Wright said in a television interview that responsible Republican members had been telling Reagan for some time that he needed to compromise to get a bill that would pass the house. "There are other reasons that argue for a compromise, among them the fact that if interest rates were to stay at their present extortionate level and if they were unable

to find the same draconian budget cuts next year, the tax cut plan could send the deficit spiraling," he said. "I don't think the president wants that. Therefore I see the possible ingredients of a compromise."

Wright gave no details of what sort of tax cut Democrats might consider acceptable, but said that whether it was for two years or three years would depend on its size. "If you go for three years at 10 percent, 20 percent and then 30 percent, you could be putting in motion some \$150 billion of deficit spending," he said.

"The White House and the president's advisers may be well advised if they settle on a quite considerably less costly individual income-tax cut and in addition one that shares more of its benefits for the working poor and the middle income American."

WFC to debate 'twinning' plan

NOVI SAD, Yugoslavia, May 25 (R) — The United Nations World Food Council (WFC) opens its annual ministerial conference in Novi Sad and will discuss its "twinning" program aimed at more Third World food production.

Twenty-six Third World countries are being twinned with industrialized nations or development banks who provide experts to help draw up plans to grow more food, WFC explained Sunday. "Part of the idea is that eventually, the necessary economic aid will follow," it added.

Under the twinning program launched two years ago, Gambia has produced a food

Greek oilfield goes on stream

KAVALA, Greece, May 24 (R) — Greece began producing oil and natural gas Sunday from a basin estimated to total nine million tons and give a life of about 15 years, Minister of Industry and Energy Stefanos Manos said.

He said the oilfield, known as Prinos, will provide about 13 percent of Greece's annual requirements now put at 10.5 million tons.

A consortium of four foreign companies holds the concession off the north Aegean island of Thasos. The oilfield will help alleviate the country's balance of payments deficit,

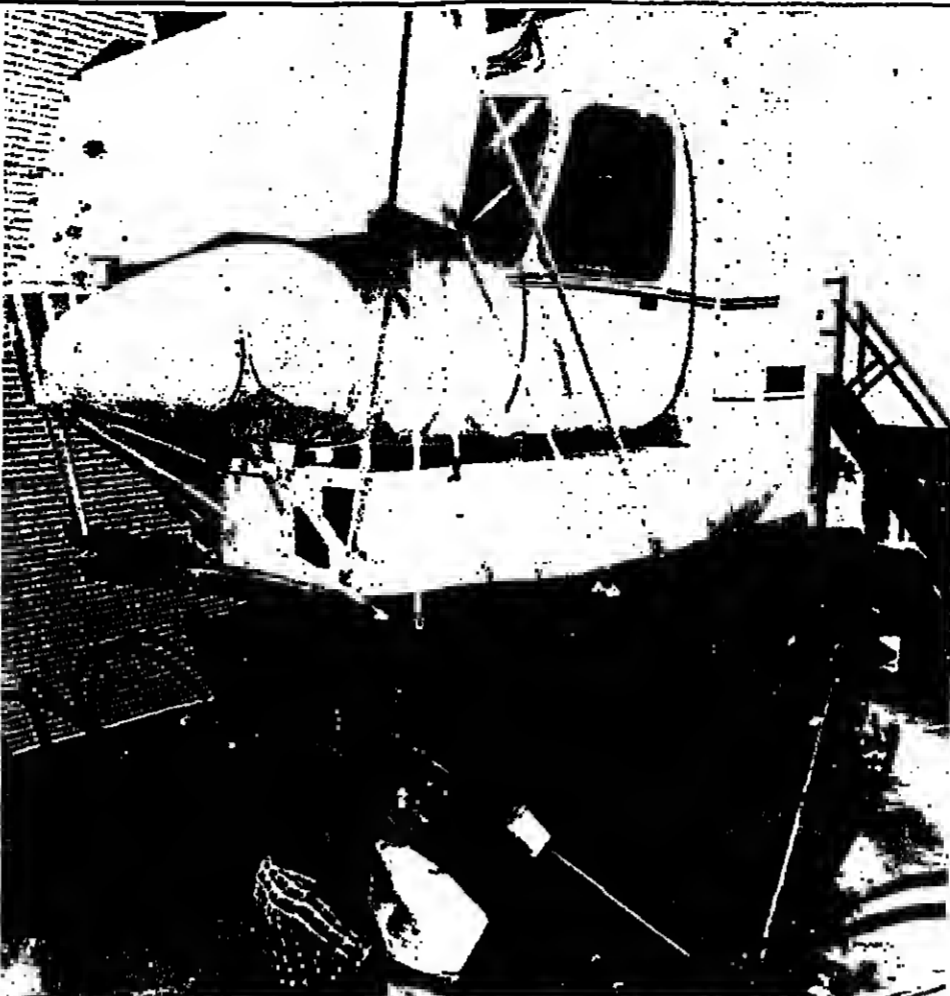
strategy in concert with British experts, and the Philippines has done so working with the World Bank.

Dutch experts are in Zambia, the United States and France are sending experts to Mali this month and the U.S. is also committed to help Kenya and Sudan. The other industrial nations in the scheme are Canada, Denmark, Belgium, West Germany and Italy.

Behind twinning is the WFC idea that many Third World countries, which owe a lot of food imports, can change this only through major national policy decisions directed toward increased food production.

"It's not a quick fix," WFC executive director Maurice Williams, an American, has said. "This does not mean just another report. It will take a couple of years to see some results. It means reassessing your priorities, changing incentives to farm producers, putting better people on the job, redirecting your budget, growing substitutes for food imports. The answers are not easy."

Officials of the Rome-based WFC said they expected the week-long Novi Sad meeting to be lively as a result of the now-ended U.S. embargo on grain exports to the Soviet Union because of its military intervention in Afghanistan. The embargo, they said, had brought the politics of food and aid into prominence and most of the 36 WFC members will be represented by their agriculture ministers or their deputies.



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Unemployment mounts Inflation bogs W. Europe

BRUSSELS, May 25 (LAT) — The two most serious problems that have dragged Western Europe's economy into the worst recession since World War II — inflation and unemployment — show no sign of abating.

The continent is caught in a monetary vise that makes it difficult for the individual governments to steer their economies toward recovery. At a time when they would like to lower interest rates to stimulate growth, the Europeans are forced to use tight money policies to defend their currencies and fight inflation stimulated by a rampaging, revitalized dollar.

The most recent increase in American interest rates jolted a continent already torn by dissension over economic issues. The pessimistic mood is being blamed for increased labor tension. A rise in violence is fed by unemployed young people and conflicts between native Europeans and the millions of immigrants who came here when times were better.

The heavy use of monetary policies to restrain inflation was recently criticized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, which called it a strategy "yet to be proved. Inflation is still running at historically high levels and growth is virtually zero in many countries," the EEC said.

"The (interest) rates prevailing (in the United States) have exerted a depressive

effect not only in the United States, but also on Western Europe, where governments have been forced to adopt policies that are more stringent than might have been justified by their domestic situation alone," the commission concluded.

Within the European Common Market, the economic developments have produced conflict because of a clear lack of coordination of national economic policies. The European Monetary System, which was created to protect the member nations' currencies, is under heavy strain.

The European members of NATO have been reluctant to increase their defense spending at a time when they are borrowing more and more to maintain their generous welfare programs and unemployment compensation plans.

Economic relations between the Common Market and the United States, already strained by a balance of trade that favors the United States, are likely to be aggravated if Washington continues to let the dollar soar without more coordinated international money market intervention to slow the process.

Forecasters earlier this year projected a decline of 0.6 percent in the Common Market economy for 1981, a smaller drop than in 1974-75 following the previous round of major oil price increases. But newer evidence suggests that this year's fall could be as deep.

Honecker looks toward Japan

EAST BERLIN, May 25 (R) — East Germany is expected to order advanced industrial technology worth hundreds of millions of dollars during a six-day state visit to Japan by ahead of state Erich Honecker starting Tuesday.

Trading sources in East Berlin confirmed reports from Tokyo that negotiations are already well under way for plans worth over \$1 billion and said at least one major contract would be completed and signed during the party chief's stay. It will be Honecker's third official visit to a Western-oriented country as East German head of state, following trips to the Philippines in 1977 and to Austria six months ago, the first tour of a West European state by an East Berlin leader.

His previous visits outside the Soviet bloc, mostly to the Third World countries, have been largely political in character, aimed at underlining East Germany's growing involvement in international affairs.

But officials in East Berlin say the priorities of the Japan visit are concerned with East Germany's need for technology to modernize some of its industries, and to help it produce high-quality goods primarily aimed at Western markets.

The biggest item on Honecker's shopping list is a \$500-million oil-cracking plant for East Germany's petrochemical center in Schwedt, the trading sources said.

Japan's Toyo Engineering Company is already building a similar plant at the northern oil center fed by pipelines from the Soviet Union. The technology enables a far greater refinement of crude oil, providing the material for high-quality chemical products. The sources said talks on the deal were almost complete and it was likely to be signed during Honecker's trip.

Other items under negotiation include a \$250-million electronic appliance factory to produce radios and video equipment, a \$100-million cold steel mill and a \$150-million steel foundry for Leipzig — a contract also being chased by British and West German firms. The sources said that during his stay in Japan, East Berlin officials were also likely to sign a contract with the Kajima Building Corporation for construction of a luxury hotel in Dresden. The firm completed a \$70-million hotel in Leipzig two months ago. In both cases repayment would come from hotel income over 10 years, the sources said.

Air France may buy Boeing 737's

PARIS, May 25 (AFP) — Air France may shortly be able to buy Boeing 737 planes, as the result of a vote by its pilots on flying them with two pilots.

In line with general international practice, Air France wants two pilots on these planes, but the pilots have so far wanted three. In April 1978, Air France had to give up plans to acquire Boeing 737's because of this difficulty.

In view of business lost to rival airlines, the French Pilots' Union has said it is ready to reconsider its position if the company confirms its intention of buying some 737's. It is running a ballot whose results are expected to be known May 29.

sources said. Another area where Japanese businessmen are entering the East German market is in the supply of cars. Earlier this month East Berlin confirmed it had ordered 10,000 Mazda saloons. The \$40 million deal is the first major sale of Japanese vehicles to the Soviet bloc.

Britain fails to arrest economic slide

LONDON, May 25 (AFP) — The brakes applied to Britain's economic recession appeared this week just to be starting to grip, although the nation's economy was continuing its slide downhill with a fresh drop in manufacturing output being recorded.

Latest figures showed that production fell by 1.1 per cent in March, wiping out the 0.9 percent increase recorded in February which had given the first hard hope that British industry was starting to move out of recession. The February rise had been the first since June 1980.

Figures released by the central statistical office showed that, excluding seasonal variations, for the whole of the first quarter, total production dropped 1.7 percent compared with the previous quarter. Manufacturing production alone, excluding North Sea oil output, fell to its lowest level for 14 years. Observers said that the hopes of an economic upturn which had been aroused last month by the February figures had proved to be premature, although the latest figures did show that things were getting worse more slowly.

ECOWAS talks to focus on tariff barriers

FREETOWN, May 25 (R) — Ministers of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), here to prepare for a summit of their leaders starting Wednesday, are expected to treat gradual elimination of tariff barriers as a major topic, officials here said.

They will discuss trade and customs, fiscal and monetary matters, transport and communications, immigration, and industrial and agricultural cooperation, according to the officials. The community has formulated basic policies in these areas, getting agreement on most programs.

The aim of ECOWAS is to turn the whole of West Africa into one uniform market and the elimination of tariff barriers is expected to begin next Friday. The free movement of people within the 16-nation community guaranteed by an ECOWAS protocol is also to be discussed.

Conference sources said Liberia would have to clarify its position after a reported statement by Justice Minister Chieffo Chappoo May 19 that it was not in Liberia's best interest to adhere to this protocol. "There will be no problem when it comes to agriculture," an ECOWAS official said.

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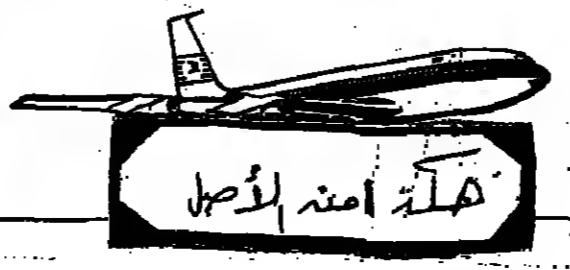
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Polish debts aftermath

Comecon umbrella theory flops

VIENNA, May 25 (R) — Western bankers seem to have finally lost faith in the Comecon umbrella theory — the belief that the Soviet Union would bail out any other Communist country in debt to the West.

The case of Poland, which is seeking to reschedule parts of its \$27 billion debts without much evident Soviet help, has put an end to one of the main assumptions many Westerners had about lending money to Eastern Europe.

Western and Eastern bankers interviewed here as well as Western diplomats surveyed in Eastern Europe all agreed Poland's debts went far beyond whatever amounts Moscow would be expected to cover.

"I don't see anybody holding up any umbrella for Poland," one U.S. banker with long experience in Eastern Europe told Reuters. "I always thought the umbrella theory would work if no political problems broke out and the debt remained manageable," he explained. "Well, we haven't had any political problems yet, but the debt has gotten too big." Moscow is just not able to take on \$27 billion in debt.

One senior East bloc banker, confirming that Moscow and its allies had no intention of picking up Poland's tabs, said he was surprised that West's wishful thinking held for so long.

"I always thought the umbrella theory was something invented in the West," he said in a private talk here. "It's too much to ask the Soviet Union to pay Poland's debts, or even just the interest on those debts."

As a result of the collapse of the umbrella theory bankers surveyed during a conference here agreed, Western creditors seem ready to reschedule Poland's debts, but on tougher terms than Warsaw originally sought. "The

mood is much more sober now," an Austrian banker said. Poland's 15 major Western creditor nations agreed late in April to reschedule about \$2.6 billion of government-backed debt in an eight-year package with a four-year grace period, interest payments were waived.

But commercial bankers meeting in Frankfurt last week, while failing to agree on terms, seemed set to impose tougher conditions for the \$2.37 billion Warsaw is due to repay about 460 Western banks this year.

Banking sources said the Western lenders were considering rescheduling the commercial debt for only seven years, with full interest payments on high interest rates of about two percent above the rates banks charge each other for funds. U.S. banks, said to be among the toughest in the rescheduling talks, have also balked at lending Poland money to buy the remaining \$11.3 billion of food under a \$670 million U.S. commodity credit cooperation allocation, U.S. officials said last week.

It is difficult to determine the birthdate of the umbrella theory, which developed during the boom in lending to the Soviet bloc in the 1970s, but recent developments seem to have spelled its demise, Western bankers and diplomats said. Sometime during the first quarter of 1981, bankers here said, the Soviet Union rejected a Western proposal that it should take over interest payments on Poland's commercial debt this year. Moscow's position became clearer in recent weeks as Soviet ambassadors began telling Western governments in no uncertain terms that the Soviet Union was not prepared to take responsibility for Poland's debts, Western diplomats in Moscow reported.

Western bankers in the Soviet capital added that Moscow's failure to provide much

aid to Warsaw in this quarter was another clear sign of its reluctance to unfurl its umbrella. One skeptical banker, who said he did not know whether he believed the umbrella theory or not, said Moscow might be promoting or downplaying it as the situation demands.

"They may have fostered belief in the umbrella in the 1970s to help the East Europeans get better conditions, and are now disclaiming it to get the Western banks to reschedule Poland's debts," he said. One Soviet bloc banker said it was out of the question for Comecon to supply Poland with large amounts of hard currency, but said Warsaw's allies — especially Moscow — had been providing enough aid to keep the country afloat.

Moscow has provided about \$1.5 billion and 1.1 billion roubles in loans or rescheduling packages about this, while helpful, was far below what umbrella theorists could expect, he said. The Polish debt issue is complicated by the specter of a Soviet invasion, which the bankers agreed would put an end to Western lending to Warsaw and probably to the other Communist states as well.

One British banker said the latest agreements with Poland contained what he called a "tank clause." "If the tanks move in, we call in all the debts," he explained. The bankers agreed the unease about Poland has still not substantially affected their lending plans for other East European states.

There was a flurry of speculation in March that Budapest might be channelling Western credits to Warsaw, but Hungarian bankers firmly denied this. "If we were going to give money to Poland, we would not deceive our creditors," one insisted. The bankers said they were still interested in lending to Eastern Europe, mentioning Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Romania as still attractive borrowers.

Finland faces recession, OECD says

PARIS, May 25 (AFP) — Finland, which recently has had higher growth than any other country in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), will soon have a recession and more serious unemployment, an OECD report said Monday.

Finland had a 4.9 percent growth rate last year, and unemployment declined to 4.9 percent from 6.2 percent in 1979. But the jobless rate is expected to rise in the second half of this year.

OECD experts are expecting a "very strong deceleration" in the growth in the gross domestic product this year, with a rate of 2.5 percent, and still slower growth in 1982, with a rate of 2.25 percent. Finland has "clearly improved" its economic performance during recent years with a higher use of its production capacity than all the 23 other OECD members, which include the most industrialized countries of the non-Communist world, experts said.

Thanks to an improvement in productivity, Finland's industries have been able to develop exports in key sectors such as wood, chemicals and machinery. In 1981, the growth in sales abroad will come exclusively from "deliveries" to the Soviet Union which is expected to progress from 25 to 30 percent in volume," the report said. Finland is also to continue to undertake major construction projects in the Middle East.

Finland's current account balance of payments deficit is to increase, in response to high oil prices, to \$1.7 billion this year. It was \$1.3 billion last year. But OECD predicted an improvement for 1982, with a deficit of \$1.1 billion. To deal with inflation, the OECD recommends that Finnish authorities "tighten credit expansion."

Financial Roundup

Riyal adjusted against dollar

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, May 25 — For the third time in less than two weeks and for the third time this month, the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) — has devalued the riyal against the dollar. In a telex circular to local commercial banks, the monetary agency stated that as of Monday May 25 the new dollar — riyal parity selling price has been taken from 3.3800 to 3.3900. This takes the new dollar commercial bank selling rate to the public to 3.3942. The SAMA devaluation move has taken most market participants by surprise since dealers had expected SAMA to make a move, if any, after seeing how the dollar performed on the European markets Wednesday once the New York Monday holiday was out of the way. However, the devaluation move is also part of SAMA's realignment of the riyal against the newly found strength of the dollar. The timing of the move is important though, for SAMA does not want local banks to take speculative positions on the dollar and thus affect local riyal liquidity and rates. By cleverly managing the timing of devaluation moves, SAMA hopes to ease pressure on the riyal.

Locally, riyal deposit rates remained at Sunday's sluggish levels. The devaluation move did not significantly alter deposit levels which only firmed by 1/4 to 1/2 percent at the most. The number of inter-bank transactions, both from local banks and from the Bahrain OBU's — the offshore booking units — rose over Sunday's levels. One-month riyal JIBOR rates firmed to levels of 16 — 16 1/2 percent by mid-day Monday after of opening at 15 1/2 — 16 1/2

percent in the morning. The one year riyal now stands at 15 1/2 — 16 percent, although dealers reported some easing of rates in the long tenors by as much as 1/2 percent once the devaluation announcement was made.

The majority of transactions were still concentrated on the short tenors and one-week fixed came at 15 1/2 — 16 percent. On the whole, local bankers agreed that SAMA's move has somewhat eased pressure on long-term riyal deposit rates since some banks were generating local liquidity by selling dollars from their dollar positions, albeit at a higher price. Spot riyal opened at 3.3885 — 95, but later rose to 3.3895 — 05 in some active dealing.

With the New York and London markets shut Monday, most activity in Europe centered on Frankfurt. The dollar remained firm against most major currencies and rose to levels of 2.3100 against the German mark from early quotes of 2.29 — 2.30.

Sterling continued to be quoted at a low level of 2.0775 with the expectation of further falls this week, while the yen was relatively stable at 222.10 levels. The French franc recovered slightly after French central bank intervention in support of the currency, but banks in Europe were still quoting it wide at 5.54 5.55 levels.

LONDON, (AP) — Monday's closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce).

London	480.00
Paris	1530.72
Frankfurt	473.02
Zurich	472.50
Hong Kong	483.41

With interest rates up

Soaring dollar jolts gold

LONDON, May 25 (R) — The soaring dollar has left gold languishing in its wake, but market experts say there could be some resurgence in the gold price later this year.

With U.S. interest rates so high, international companies and people with loose money have rushed to take advantage of the higher returns on dollar investments, so gold prices drifted down.

The price fell to \$472 an ounce here last week, a far cry from the record \$875 in January last year when the Iranian hostage crisis and the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan made financial markets highly nervous. At times of tension gold is regarded as a safe haven although it pays no interest.

Those who invested in gold when the price is at or near its peak and have since waited anxiously for an upturn have received some encouragement from a London conference held last week. The experts felt that the recent relative stability in the gold price suggests a base is being formed that will support a resurgence later in the year.

A poll conducted among 300 delegates at the non-Communist world showed that average expectation was for the price to rise to \$560 an ounce by Christmas.

Participants in the conference included bankers, dealers, jewelers, industrialists and executives of major gold-mining companies. However, not all the experts are convinced that gold has seen the end of its sustained downward trend from the record of 16 months ago. Of the forecasts at the conference, the bottom of the range was \$375 an ounce, which is \$100 below today's free market price.

Even the optimists agreed that gold can make little headway unless the current record interest rates ease back. Although the prime rate rose to 20.5 percent last Friday, the Reagan administration has expressed confidence that they will start falling soon.

Richard Lawrence, president of the South African Chamber of Mines which oversees the republic's huge mining industry, said he is confident of a rise in price in real terms.

over the next decade. South Africa's gold mines will double capital expenditure over the next five years to 7.3 billion rand \$8.8 billion from the amount spent in the preceding 10 years, a sign of faith in the future.

Western experts estimate that Soviet gold sales fell to 90 tons last year from 229 tons in 1979 and over 400 tons a year from 1976 to 1978, but they expect a significant rise in 1981. Analysts believe that Soviet gold sales are directly related to Moscow's foreign exchange requirements and suggest that its high export earnings from oil and gas in recent years probably removed the need to sell large amounts of gold.

However, oil price rises are expected to be modest this year and Moscow could have a greater need for foreign exchange to buy grain and support Poland's troubled economy, so the result could be increased Soviet gold sales, the analysts said.

The conference here coincided with publication of an authoritative annual review of gold by the London-based mining company Consolidated Gold Fields.

Its analysis on sales and buying trends revealed that, for the first time since 1972, transactions by official monetary institutions such as central banks resulted in purchases of gold, mainly for official reserves.

Such agencies added 230 tons of gold to their holdings. Developing countries were among the most active buyers with Indonesia recording an increase of nearly 66 tons.

South Africa's Finance Minister Owen Horwood told the conference there is an urgent need to clarify and formalize gold's monetary role. He called on the United States to restore the convertibility of the dollar to gold at a fixed price. The link was abandoned in 1971 and the U.S. has tried to reduce the role of gold in the international monetary system.

Horwood, rebutting the view that gold is an enemy of the dollar, said the U.S. had more gold reserves than any other country. Reinroduction of a dollar-gold link, he said, would assist monetary authorities in their attempts to apply sound monetary and fiscal policies.

French shares record gains

PARIS, May 25 (AFP) — The Paris bourse ended healthier Monday, with French shares an average of 2.2 percent at the close of trading.

The improvement was attributed to statistics by the new economy and finance minister, Jacques Delors. He told the leftist-oriented *Le Matin* newspaper and financial paper *Les Echos* that the new leftist government would not upset the status of the game governing savings formation and the capital markets. Investors were

also reassured by declarations from West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and President Francois Mitterrand that the franc would be defended.

In early trading, two "nationalizable" companies gained significantly. Roussel-Uclaf was up five percent and Paribas up four percent.

On the Paris exchange, the franc improved slightly, gaining 0.44 percent on the U.S. dollar. The dollar was quoted at 5.567 francs compared to 5.592 at the "fixing" Friday. The mark fell slightly to 2.404 francs, thus coming down from its ceiling (2.4093 francs) within the European Monetary System (EMS).

Sino-Japanese talks fail

PEKING, May 25 (AFP) — The renewed negotiations between China and Japan over their trade dispute have again failed, a diplomatic source said here Monday. China has yet to put forward new proposals on a financing formula that might enable it to go ahead with three major Sino-Japanese contracts, which were initially canceled, the source said.

May 9 a high-level Japanese team left this capital after a round of unproductive talks. Japan wants China to obtain money through international borrowing.

China, however, finds the cost of borrowing in this way too high. It would prefer \$2.6 billion worth long-term credits from the Japanese government. Japan is refusing this.

China has made no further suggestions. Consequently "the situation is at a standstill," the source said. The two sides have tentatively agreed to hold further talks, but no date has been set, the source said.

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Protest upheld in Indianapolis 500

Andretti triumphs in accident-marred race

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25 (Agencies) — Mario Andretti was Monday named the winner of Sunday's Indianapolis 500 motor race after judges ruled that fellow American Bobby Unser had to forfeit a lap for infringing the rules.

After studying a film of the race, the stewards decided that Unser, the first man across the finishing line, had passed at least seven cars while a yellow caution-flag was being displayed, meaning that overtaking is banned.

The decision gave Andretti, former world Formula One champion, his second Indianapolis 500 victory and prize money of more than \$300,000. He won the race in 1969. Unser, a two-time winner who finished 5.3 seconds ahead of Andretti, is believed to be the first driver to be stripped of victory.

The penalty for passing while the yellow flag was displayed gave Unser a time of three hours 35 minutes 41.78 seconds to Andretti's 3:35:58.91. He was relegated to second place in his Penske-Cosworth.

The infringement came to light when Andretti, who started at the back of the field in a Wildcat-Cosworth, filed a protest alleging that Unser had illegally passed several cars. The protest led stewards to review both — the film of the race and computer records.



Mario Andretti

Unser denied that he passed anyone on the yellow flag.

Moments after the official race results were posted, showing the Andretti-Unser switch as the only change, Pag Patrick, owner of Andretti's car, arrived at the track.

When told his driver was named the winner, the unsmiling Patrick said, "I don't agree. I don't think that's right. I am going to

talk to (chief steward) Tom Binford about it. "They should have penalized him when the thing was reported, not after the damn race."

Earlier Sunday, the race was marred by a fiery crash in which Danny Ongais was seriously injured. Ongais, who had led the race for a few laps only minutes earlier brought out one of the 11 caution flags when his car veered suddenly into the outside wall coming out of turn three and burst into flame as pieces of the car body scattered in every direction.

Ongais, a 39-year-old road racer and former drag racing champion from Hawaii, had to be cut from the wreckage. He was taken to the Infield Hospital, examined and given emergency treatment and transported by ambulance to nearby Methodist Hospital.

Dr. Thomas Hanna, speedway medical officer, said Ongais was in serious condition with a compound fracture of his right leg, a fractured left hip, unspecified chest injuries and possible internal injuries. Hanna later said Ongais underwent surgery for the leg injury.

There were nine different leaders, but after the Ongais crash, the race became a dogfight among Unser, Andretti and Johncock, each of whom held the lead several times.

Unser started the race on top after winning

the pole with an average speed of 200.546 mph, while 1973 Indy winner Johncock started from the inside of the second row. Andretti, however, started 32nd in the 33-car field.

Ronkie Josele Garza, a 22-year-old from Mexico and Brabham's teammate, surprised nearly everyone by staying with the leaders until a broken rear suspension threw his car into the third turn wall on lap 139. He was not injured.

Results: 1. Mario Andretti (Wildcat-Cosworth); 2. Bobby Unser (Penske-Cosworth); 3. Vern Schuppan (McClaren-Cosworth); 4. Kevin Cogan (Phoenix-Cosworth); 5. Geoff Brabham (Penske-Cosworth); 6. Sheldon Kinsler (Longhorn-Cosworth); 7. Tony Bettenhausen (McClaren-Cosworth); 8. Steve Krisloff (Penske-Cosworth); 9. Gordon Johncock (Wildcat-Cosworth); 10. Dennis Firestone (Wildcat-Cosworth); 11. Bill Alsup (Penske-Cosworth); 12. Mike Chandler (Penske-Cosworth); 13. A.J. Foyt (Coyote-Cosworth); 14. Tim Richmond (Parnelli-Cosworth); 15. Jerry Karl (McClaren-Cosworth); 16. Scott Brayton (Penske-Cosworth); 17. Al Unser (Longhorn-Cosworth); 18. Larry Dickson (Penske-Cosworth).



ALL AGHAST: French gymnast Joel Sarty has a frightening look on his face as he takes an unexpected fall from the fixed bar during an exhibition at the European Gymnastic Championships in Rome Monday.

Aztecs prevail via sudden-death

LOS ANGELES, California, May 25 (A) — Ruben Romano scored in a sudden-death shootout Sunday to give the Los Angeles Aztecs a 1-0 North American Soccer League victory over the Fort Lauderdale Strikers.

The teams were scoreless through the 90 minutes of regulation and 15 minutes of overtime, forcing a shootout. Each team scored once in the shootout, forcing the sudden-death shootout.

Scoring for Fort Lauderdale in the shoot-out was Teofilo Cubillas while Mike McLoughlin connected for the Aztecs. In the sudden-death shootout, Keith Weller missed for the Strikers and Romano then scored to end the game.

The Aztecs outshot the strikers 26-21. Los Angeles goalkeeper Chris Turner was credited with nine saves while Fort Lauderdale goalkeeper Jan Van Beveren was credited with seven saves.

In another match, Drew Ferguson's first goal of the season came only five minutes from the end of regulation time and gave the Edmonton Drillers a 2-1 victory over the Portland Timbers.

The 23-year-old Canadian volleyed a rebound inside the left post from about 10 yards out to snap a 1-1 tie and end the Drillers' three-game losing streak. Their latest loss had been a 7-0 shelling in Seattle last Wednesday.

Portland took an early lead when a series of defensive mistakes resulted in free header by Stuart Lee, who headed the ball in the direction of the goal. Drillers defender Peter Nogly and goalkeeper Pertti Alaja fumbled and 12,810 fans watched it roll into the net at 4:02.

The Drillers tied it 18 minutes into the game when a shot by Kai Haaskivi was parried by Portland goalkeeper Keith McCrae toward striker Jan Goossens who scored.

Meanwhile, Andy Lynch and Gordon Hill kicked two goals apiece and goalies Bob Rigby and John Vanooostveen posted

Montreal's second shutout of the year as the Manie defeated the Toronto Blizzard 5-0. John Askew scored the other Montreal goal.

The win was the first away victory for Montreal since April 25 and improved the team's record to 5-5 in the east. Division rival Toronto fell to 3-7.

Hill scored his first goal at 37:16 after taking a looping corner kick from Askew and blasting it past Toronto goalie Tony Chursky. Lyneb brought Montreal to 2-0 four minutes later on a penalty kick, and then scored his third goal of the season in the 69th minute with a left-footed shot.

Askew popped a wide-open goal at 73:41, and Hill converted a penalty kick in the 84th minute to cap the Manic scoring.

The Calgary Boomers, paced by goalkeeper Jurgen Stars, blanked the San Jose

Earthquakes 1-0 — their first home win this season.

Jurgen Roeher, a West German midfielder, scored at 75:44 — his first NASL goal. Roeber, 27, lured from Bayern Munich for a transfer fee exceeding \$500,000, received the ball just outside the penalty box, turned and drove a low shot past partially screened San Jose goalkeeper Mike Hewitt. Forwards Franz Gerber and Jorgen Kriutensen drew assists.

The win was the Boomers' second against eight losses and ended a three-game losing streak.

The Earthquakes, 4-7, had some good scoring opportunities on counterattacks but were stopped on three occasions by Stars. The West German made five saves, two on breakaways.

Chile holds Ecuador

GUAYAQUIL, May 25 (AP) — Ecuador tied Chile 0-0 in a World Cup Soccer, leaving it at the top of the standings in Group Three of the qualifying phase of the World Championships Sunday.

Ecuador, which last week defeated Paraguay 1-0, the third member of the Group, now has three points. Chile has one point and Paraguay none. On May 31 Ecuador will play Paraguay in Asuncion and will meet Chile in Santiago on June 14.

Meanwhile, Poland, favorites to win the European Group Seven of the World Soccer Cup and a berth in the finals in Spain next year, scored a morale-boosting 3-0 win over Ireland in a friendly international.

The Irish, themselves involved in a tense four-team tussle with France, Belgium and the Netherlands in Group Two, paid heavily for two first-half defensive errors and finished a badly outclassed side.

Their troubles began as early as the second

minute when Glasgow Celtic goalkeeper Pat Bonnar failed to hold a header following a free-kick taken by midfielder General Janusz Kupcwo and Andrzej Iwan pounced to slam home the rebound.

Worse followed in the 38th minute, when Arsenal defender David O'Leary, harassed by Polish left-winger Wlodzimierz Smolarek, turned a low cross from Roman Ogaza past Bonnar into his own net. Another Kupcwo free-kick brought Poland's third goal in the 65th minute. Iwan flicked the ball across goal and Ogaza beat Bonnar with a well-placed header.

Union Sportive M'Billia of Libreville (Gabon) reached the quarterfinals of the African Cup Winners' Soccer Cup despite a 1-0 second leg defeat by Agaza (Togo) Sunday. The Gabonese won the first leg 2-0 in Libreville and went through 2-1 on aggregate.

Asse (Ivory Coast) also reached the quarterfinals with a 3-1 (halftime 1-0) second-leg win against Canon of Yaounde (Cameroun) Sunday.

Dynamo Football Club of Zimbabwe blasted Nigeria's Industrial, Investment and Credit Corporation Football Club of Nigeria known as IICC Sporting Stars, by 3-0 in Salisbury Sunday in the second-leg of the second round of the African Champions Cup.

Keith Fergus claims golf title

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — With golf's greatest players collapsing around him, Keith Fergus coolly rode a string of pars to a 71 and the first victory of his career, a one-stroke triumph Sunday in the prestigious Memorial Tournament.

Fergus, 27 acquired the first title of his five-year career with a 284 total, four strokes under par on the extremely difficult, 7,116-yard Muirfield Village Golf Club course.

He collected \$63,000 from the total purse of about \$400,000 after surviving challenges from a variety of sources, including the two top players in the game, Tom Watson and tournament favorite Jack Nicklaus.

Jack Renner came on to take second with a 71 and a 285 total after Nicklaus and Watson fell back on the brutally demanding course that featured perhaps the slickest, fastest greens in golf. "He deserved it. He's due," Renner said of Fergus. "He's highly respected among the younger players. I congratulate him for surviving. I'm just shell-shocked. It's the most brutal golf course I've ever played."

Watson, veteran George Archer, Craig Stadler and Tom Purtzer tied for third at 287 and, with Fergus and Renner, were the only men able to break par for four trips over the course designed and created by Nicklaus. Purtzer matched par 72. Archer and Stadler had 75s, and Watson struggled to a 74.

"I just ran out of miracles," said Watson, who once held the lead alone and was threatening as late as the 15th hole. "I was playing on pride Sunday. I just didn't hit the ball very well."

At one time or another, eight men either led or shared the lead: Archer, Tom Kite, Stadler, Fergus, Ben Crenshaw, Watson, Renner and Purtzer. But perhaps the most important threat was by Nicklaus.

In Ganton, England, Britain's Nick Faldo shot a 67 to stand eight under par on 205 after three rounds of the Sun Alliance PGA Golf Championship at Ganton in Yorkshire Sunday.

Faldo, aiming at his third championship in four years, stretched away from the other leaders with a blistering burst over the first seven holes in which he picked up four birdies. At one stage, he led by five strokes but this was reduced by a mistake at the last when he dragged a shot into the bunker.

In second place three shots behind Faldo was Scotsman Ken Brown who caused the

Liverpool fancied in European Cup final

PARIS, May 25 (R) — Although soccer romantics may cherish the notion that Real Madrid of Spain can win the European Cup for the seventh time on Wednesday, Realists will be inclined to put their cash firmly behind England's Liverpool.

Most neutrals are likely to root for the Spaniards. Liverpool's methodical play inspires admiration but Real cast a magic spell over the football world in the late 1950's, winning the first five European Cup finals, and the enchantment lives on.

It should be an intriguing clash in the Paris's Parc des Princes Stadium, putting Liverpool's endeavour and organization against Real's flamboyant skills and inventiveness. But the present Madrid side does not compare with those of the days of Di Stefano, Puskas, Del Sol, Rial and Gento, and the odds must favor Liverpool extending England's lease on the magnificent trophy to five years.

Having triumphed in 1977 and 1978, Liverpool were succeeded by compatriots Nottingham Forest, surely the least entertaining of victors, in 1979 and 1980.

Liverpool should not be dismissed lightly as a superbly-disciplined outfit devoid of imagination. In Alan Hansen, Graeme Souness and Kenny Dalglish they have a backbone of style and vision.

Hansen is a central defender in the mould of West German Franz Beckenbauer. Souness combines his duties as midfielder general with a golden touch in front of goal, while Dalglish is quite simply the best striker in England.

Equally worrying for Real, is Liverpool's miserly attitude to conceding goals. Although defenders Hansen, Phil Thompson and Alan Kennedy have all missed vital game, England international goalkeeper Ray Clemence has been beaten just four times in the eight European outings.

Keith Fergus claims golf title

sensation of the day when he was fined 50 pounds for slow play after a three-under-par third round of 68.

In third place was Australia's Greg Norman on 209. Other foreigners among the leading contenders were Argentina's Vicente Fernandez on 213 and Bernhard Langer of West Germany on 214.

Meanwhile, Kathy Hite, holding off a spectacular last-round charge by Joanne Carter and outlasting Patty Sheehan in a head-to-head duel, scored a one-stroke victory Sunday in the \$125,000 Corning Classic for her first triumph on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour.

Borg begins with a bang

PARIS, May 25 (AFP) — Bjorn Borg launched himself toward his sixth French Open Tennis title at the Roland Garros Stadium here Sunday with a straight-sets 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 victory over Jose Lopez-Maeso of Spain and immediately declared himself fit, confident and "as motivated as I have ever been."

The Swedish champion, who showed no outward signs of discomfort from the shoulder injury which has plagued his season so far this year, was inevitably match-rusty and the scoreline in his rain-interrupted opening match was flattering.

"Okay I missed some easy shots, but at least I know now that I can go five sets. Obviously I wish I could have had longer to prepare for the tournament, but considering it was my first match since Monica Carlo I think I play okay," he said.

In the match against Lopez-Maeso, the real Borg, with the deadly double-fisted passing shots and baseline precision was on show only in glimpses. For the rest of the time, the Scandinavian had to work hard to find length and accuracy and his service was erratic. Fortunately for Borg, Lopez-Maeso was unable

to capitalize.

Earlier on the center-court, the talented, but over-awed 17-year-old French hope Henri Leconte crashed out in four sets to Argentina's Eduardo Bengoechea 4-6, 1-6, 6-3, 4-6.

Leconte, who was never able to settle into a rain-interrupted match, later admitted that he had been too tense and nervous. "I handed him the match on a plate," he said afterwards, adding that he might now defend his junior title here.

Home hopes took another beating when the French No. 1 Brigitte Simon went down on an outside court to Ann Minter of Australia in the first round of the women's singles. The 24-year-old French player went out 6-4, 5-7, 3-6.

In Munich, West Germany, Chris Lewis of New Zealand beat Christophe Roger-Vasselin of France 4-6, 6-2, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1 Monday to win the Bavarian International Tennis Tournament.

Lewis won \$15,000 in a match postponed because of heavy rainfalls Sunday.

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As Bibby corners glory

Phillies trounced by Pirates

NEW YORK, May 25 (AP) — Pitcher Jim Bibby blasted a two-run homer and combined with reliever Victor Cruz on an eight-hitter to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 7-1 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies Sunday.

drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single in the eighth inning to break a tie and give San Diego a 7-5 victory over Atlanta.

nesota. Ron Lef-Lore's single with the bases loaded and two out in the second inning skipped by California left fielder Brian Downing for a bases-clearing four-run play to pace Chicago to its fourth straight victory, a 10-2 romp over the Angels.

Baseball Standings

Table with columns for National League East, National League West, American League East, and American League West. Lists teams like St. Louis, Philadelphia, Montreal, New York, Pittsburgh, Houston, San Diego, Los Angeles, Oakland, Chicago, Toronto, Milwaukee, Boston, Detroit, Minnesota, Cincinnati, Cleveland, New York, St. Louis, Kansas City, Oakland, Chicago, Toronto, Milwaukee, California, Kansas City, Seattle, and Minnesota.

Hope leaves hospital

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, May 25 (R) — Maurice Hope of Great Britain, who was knocked out by Wilfred Benitez and lost his World Boxing Council light middleweight championship Saturday, was discharged from a local hospital Sunday.

The win makes the 22-year-old Benitez, raised in Puerto Rico and now living in New York, only the fifth boxer and the first in 43 years to win professional world championships in three separate weight divisions.



Maurice Hope

Benitez won the junior welterweight title in 1976 at 17, making him the youngest person to hold a professional world championship, and then the welterweight crown in 1979 at 20. His record is 41-1-1, Hope's is 29-3-1.

Both fighters were marked after the one-sided bout in which Benitez was comfortably ahead on all three judges' scorecards before the knockout. Benitez was cut around both eyes, while Hope's mouth was cut and his face was puffy in addition to losing two teeth.

Benitez asserts he knows all the tricks

LAS VEGAS, May 25 (AP) — A three-time champion at the tender age of 22, Wilfred Benitez says there is nothing left for him to learn in the sport of boxing. "I know all the tricks, I've been boxing ever since I was five years old," Benitez said.

dominated the rest of the bout. "He gave me a great fight, he had courage all the time. He was the best southpaw I've ever seen."



"PLAY-ON": A British firm has come out with a new ankle and achilles tendon protectors for players. Called the Porita "Play-on" ankle protectors, they are moulded from strong polyethylene to give a flexible and slim product that can be worn over or under normal sports socks.

Warwickshire scores two-run win

Australians crawl to 232

LONDON, May 25 (Agencies) — The touring Australian cricket team achieved some much-needed batting practice but made few friends in a dull, rain-interrupted match against Somerset at Taunton Sunday.

ive spell of bowling, taking two wickets for 17 runs in 13 overs.

England Captain Ian Botham had an effective spell of bowling, taking two wickets for 17 runs in 13 overs.

under boxing rules. Fitzsimmons, Canzoneri and Armstrong did not share their titles, but Benitez must share the 154-pound class crown with Ayub Kalule, who is recognized as champion by the World Boxing Association.

Worcestershire were given a fine start by New Zealander Glenn Turner, 56, and Ted Hemsley, 67, but after the wickets started tumbling the champions took control.

Summarized scores: At Edgbastoo: Warwickshire beat Worcestershire by two runs. Warwickshire 234 for four innings closed after 39 overs (C. Humphreys 71, T. Lloyd 63), Worcestershire 222 all out in 38.5 overs (E. Hemsley 67, G. Turner 56), Warwickshire four points.

Hunt goes down to Shariff

TORONTO, Canada, May 25 (AP) — In a battle of the giants Shariff Khan plunked defending champion Geoff Hunt of Australia 15-11, 15-6, 15-12 in the fourth round of the Mennen Cup Invitational Squash Tournament Sunday.

Khan, of Toronto, didn't allow Hunt to gain momentum at any time in the match and only Khan remains unbeaten in the tournament with 20 points. Hunt is tied with Mario Sanchez of Mexico in second spot with 15 points.

Sanchez equalled Khan's effort by upsetting Michael Desaulniers of the United States 15-12, 15-8, 15-10. Desaulniers, ranked second on the North American circuit, had not lost to Sanchez this year. He slipped to fourth spot in the tournament with 14 points.

In other action, Gawain Briars of Britain tied for sixth place with 10 points with his win over Bruce Brownlee of New Zealand by scores of 15-9, 15-18, 15-12, 15-12. Brownlee is in last spot with two points.

Hiddy Jahan of Pakistan also tied for sixth place as he went the distance to upset Stu Goldstein of the United States 15-8, 6-15, 15-12, 16-18, 15-5. Goldstein also has 10 points in the tournament.

The fifth round begins Monday night with Jahan meeting Briars, Hunt meeting Desaulniers and Goldstein playing Brownlee. The four top players after seven rounds will advance to the semifinals on Thursday and the finals will be played Friday.

Munro all praise for UK athletes

ANTRIM, Northern Ireland, May 25 (AP) — Britain's Minister of Sport, Hector Munro, Sunday congratulated British Athletes for agreeing to compete in Northern Ireland, contrasting them with the English and Welsh soccer teams that cancelled matches in the British-ruled province because of political troubles here.

"I was very sad over the last 10 days when Wales and England pulled out of the football fixtures," Munro told spectators at the United Kingdom Athletics Championships, which opened in Antrim. "Yet athletes have come to large numbers."

Steve Ovett, the Olympic 800 meters champion, made a dramatic last-minute appearance at the games and immediately walked into a row with officials.

Ovett was the only one of Britain's four Olympic gold medalists to heck the event, but his 11th hour decision — he only agreed to take part late Saturday night — angered British athletics officials.

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The Bidding Tells the Tale

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 9 5 2
 ♥ A 10 8
 ♦ K 7 4
 ♣ K 9 5 2

WEST
 ♠ A J 10 7 6 4
 ♥ 9 5 2
 ♦ 10 6
 ♣ 7 3

EAST
 ♠ K Q 8
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ Q J 9 5 3
 ♣ 10 8 6

SOUTH
 ♠ 3
 ♥ K Q J 7 4
 ♦ A 8 2
 ♣ A Q J 4

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♥ 1♣ 2♥ 2♣
 3♣ Pass 4♣ Pass
 4♣ Pass 5♣ Pass
 6♣

Opening lead — ace of spades.

decided to explore that possibility by bidding three clubs.

North, with maximum values for his two heart bid, naturally went along with partner's move by bidding four clubs. South then bid four diamonds, a cuebid showing the ace of diamonds, and North cooperated again by raising to five diamonds, showing the king or a singleton.

It was now easy for South to select the best contract. He bid six clubs, well aware that he was landing in a 4-4 trump fit and that he might pick up a trick by choosing clubs as trumps rather than hearts. And, as expected, this came to pass. Had hearts been trumps, South would have scored only the obvious eleven tricks — five hearts, two diamonds and four clubs.

But with clubs as trumps, it was easy to make twelve tricks. West led the ace and another spade, and that was really the end of the matter. South ruffed, drew trumps, and claimed the balance.

His twelve tricks consisted of a spade ruff, his four natural trump tricks, the A-K of diamonds and five heart tricks. There was nothing to the play; the slam simply depended on the bidding and — lest we forget — on finding the 4-4 fit.

Experience shows that it's usually better to choose as trump the suit where there's a 4-4 fit rather than one with a 5-3 fit. One often gains a trick by playing the 4-4 suit. Consider this deal where South bid a heart, West a spade, North two hearts and East two spades.

South realized there might be a slam despite his partner's limit bid of two hearts — ordinarily 6 to 9 points — and he

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1981

Money could be an issue with partners. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Unlooked-for expenses may upset plans for travel. Perseverance pays off on the job. Don't let small problems discourage you. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You could change your mind about a purchase. Suspiciousness will work against you in love. Give others the benefit of the doubt. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Despite surface agreements, there are hidden factors involved. Social obligations may weigh on you now and interfere with family interests. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Right now it's best not to say much on the job. Neither co-workers nor higher-ups are in a receptive mood. Sleep on important decisions. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) The ethical ramifications of a business venture require further thought. Your work schedule may conflict with pleasure plans. **PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) A forgotten family member would like to hear from you. Worrying about security doesn't help much. Accent constructive.

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Unfinished tasks concern you, yet you may have trouble clearing the decks for action. You'll come to an agreement with a friend.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Talks about raises are productive. Socializing is on your mind, but the workload may be too pressing for you to take much time off.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Keep in touch with those at a distance. Some tension at work is possible. Mixing business with pleasure is not recommended.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A date may be canceled. Domestic concerns make it unwise to have company over at present. Handle in-laws with kid gloves.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Business negotiations may bog down. Don't sign any papers. Unexpected visitors may prove disruptive. Clarify objectives with close ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) The unexpected may cause a change of schedule. Relax and ward off nervous tension.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

1 "Some — Running" 40 Silas —
 5 Egyptian statesman 41 Equal diplomat
 10 Syrian city 11 Torero's red cloth
 12 Endure 13 Dismay
 14 Roman greeting
 15 Orb
 16 Sandra
 17 Pupil
 18 Sylvan deity
 19 One kind of brake
 21 Hurl
 22 Brie's exterior
 24 Carry on noisily
 25 "I Feel a — Comin' On"
 26 "Vaya — Dios"
 27 Uncle (Scott.)
 28 Capt. Kirk portrayer
 32 Swiss river
 33 Fr. shooting match
 34 Mining find
 35 Ceremony
 37 Late chantense
 38 Isolate
 39 To be (Lat.)

41 Equal
 42 Conspiracy group
 43 Vibrant
 44 Greek sorceress
 45 Dutch congame
 46 Just great!
 47 Lofly mountain
 48 Like Buster Keaton's expression
 49 Minimally
 50 Skill

11 Late M.G.M. mogul
 15 Oklahoma city
 16 Tolled
 17 Pomposity
 21 Lettuce variety
 23 Inactivity
 24 Bellow

25 Burned llama land
 26 Tribe
 27 Cataphony
 28 Expunge
 31 Alibide
 36 Sea-going initials
 37 Feather-weight name

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

A XYDLBAAXE
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One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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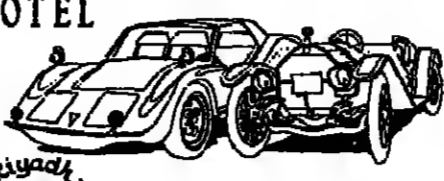
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Japan government rejects demand to ban U.S. ship entry

TOKYO, May 25 (Agencies) — Japan's government, under strong criticism over national security policies, Monday rejected a parliamentary demand to ban the United States aircraft carrier *Midway* from returning to its home port on Tokyo Bay.

Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda turned down the demand by a Communist parliamentarian as the government faced concerted opposition questioning over its attitudes on defense. "My understanding is that the *Midway* should be allowed to make the port call as it has in the past," Sonoda said. The 64,000-ton carrier is on duty in the Indian Ocean but expected back at nearby Yokosuka on June 5 or 6.

Opposition parties questioned the government after allegations by former senior U.S. officials that U.S. Seventh Fleet warships have been carrying nuclear weapons here in apparent violation of Japanese regulations. The charges caused a public storm and center on the view it carries three kinds of planes capable of dropping nuclear bombs — F-4 Phantoms, A-6 Intruders and A-7 Corsairs.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki rejected a proposal by the main opposition Socialist grouping to send a mission to the

United States to question American officials. He said the United States had not asked for consultations about the entry of nuclear weapons into Japan, "and I believe that no nuclear weapons have ever been brought into Japan."

The controversy increased anti-American sentiment in Japan and led indirectly to the cancellation of U.S.-Japanese naval maneuvers last Friday after dozens of salmon fishing boats and lines were cut by the warships. The 22 vessels were returning to base Monday.

The Japanese remain confused over whether nuclear weapons have passed through or are stored in this country because Washington has refused to reveal the location of its weapons while Tokyo has refused to question the U.S. about this. As a result, political sources commented, Japanese people distrust both governments.

Suzuki told an upper house plenary session that he would reject any request from the U.S. side for placing or passing nuclear arms in Japan to maintain the Japanese government policy against production, possession and introduction of nuclear arms. He was answering questions amid political controversy created by allegations to overseas by former U.S. Ambassador to Japan Edwin Reischauer and former U.S. Defense Department official Daniel Ellsberg.

The prime minister said Dr. Ellsberg, a former Pentagon specialist on nuclear command and control systems, made the allegations "all based on hearsay or personal recollections" and there was no need to summon him to testify in the Japanese parliament.

Reischauer's assertions that Japan unofficially and privately sanctions the movements of the U.S. nuclear force off its shores have hit at the very heart of the nation's revered non-nuclear principles. His statements, made to interviews with the Japanese news media, have been described as "a bombshell."

The nation's mass circulation newspapers have printed thousands of words daily berating Suzuki's government for "concealing the truth" from the Japanese people. Opposition parties, labor unions, atomic bomb victims, pacifist groups and even Suzuki's own party members are reproaching him waffling or "lying" on this explosive issue.



CAPTIVE TERRORIST: One of the gunmen who made a futile attempt to seize Barcelona's Banco Central Sunday being held captive by Spanish anti-terrorist police commandos. The over 70 hostages taken by the gunmen were rescued by the police who ended the siege with a gunfire assault.

Bank assault 3 Spanish rightists arrested

BARCELONA, Spain, May 25 (AP) — Police arrested three right-wing civilians Monday after anti-terrorist police commandos ended the siege of Barcelona's Banco Central with a gunfire assault Sunday that rescued the last of the hostages. The three civilians were identified as extreme rightists, the political group blamed by the government for financing the bank seizure.

A police source said a widespread investigation was underway but the motive for the take over remained shrouded in mystery. The action has raised a storm of editorial protest after preliminary official accusations that the gunmen were right-wing financed gangsters or anarchists.

None of the more than 70 of the remaining hostages were injured in the dramatic police

British soldier killed, 3 injured in IRA ambush

BELFAST, May 25 (Agencies) — A British soldier was killed and three others were wounded Monday in an ambush outside the Londonderry village of Bellaghy, later claimed by the Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA).

A police source said earlier that bullets were rained on the four soldiers' Land Rover as they patrolled an area only a few miles from the home of Francis Hughes, the third Republican convict to die in an unsuccessful hunger strike campaign to force the British government to grant IRA prisoners political status.

An IRA statement said after the ambush that the "active service unit" that was responsible for the ambush had made it "safely to base after the attack."

Meanwhile thousands of people waited outside the Maze prison Monday to greet Tony O'Hara, granted leave from jail to attend the funeral of his brother Patrick, the fourth hunger striker to die. O'Hara is due out of the Maze in August, after serving five years for theft and illegal possession of firearms.

Meanwhile, the outlawed Irish National Liberation Army, allied to the IRA, Sunday threatened "fierce retaliation" for the death of Patrick O'Hara. Within hours of the threat, a policeman was shot and wounded in Belfast.

The policeman, a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, was on mobile patrol in a police Land Rover when a milk truck pulled up alongside it and two gunmen opened fire.

Artillery duels reported in Gulf

NICOSIA, May 25 (AP) — Iran and Iraq have reported their forces were dueling with heavy artillery across the Sbat Al-Arab waterway near the northern tip of the Gulf.

An Iranian joint staff communique charged Sunday that the Iraqis continued the shelling of residential areas of the oil-refining city of Abadan.

At the same time, the Iranians shelled an Iraqi army column on the Faw-Basrah road inside Iraqi territory and attacked them on the Abadan-Mahahr and Abadan-Kunishahr fronts, killing or wounding 48 Iraqi troops, the communique said.

Iran's official news agency, Pars, said also that the Iraqis shelled Ahwaz, the capital of the southern Iranian oil province of Khuzistan, for the second consecutive day.

An Iraqi communique broadcast by Baghdad radio said the Iraqi forces repulsed several Iranian assaults on Iraqi forward positions in Panavain, Sar-e-Pol-E Zahab and Susangerd, killing 220 Iraqis in 24 hours. It conceded 25 Iraqi deaths in the same period.

Body found in Atlanta

ATLANTA, Georgia, May 25 (R) — The oak body of a black man has been found in a river near Atlanta prompting fears that he may be the 28th young black murdered in the area in the past 22 months.

Police did not identify the body, discovered Saturday by coasts in the Chattahoochee River where five other bodies of young blacks have been found. A special task force formed to investigate the killings went to the scene but would courtsey weather the dead man had been murdered.

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WARSAW, May 25 (R) — Former Polish Foreign Trade Minister Jerzy Olszewski has committed suicide, the official news agency PAP said Monday. The agency said it has obtained information about the minister's suicide but that government officials were neither confirming nor denying it.

Olszewski, 60 was criticized publicly for his role in leading Poland into its present economic crisis. He was closely associated with ex-party boss Edward Gierek and was appointed deputy head of the planning commission in 1971 shortly after Gierek came to power.

He took over the key ministry of Foreign Trade and Maritime Economy in November 1974 but left the post in circumstances which have never been fully explained in December 1979, just eight months before Gierek was toppled.

Press reports, quoting foreign trade ministry officials, said the ministry was badly run under Olszewski and that there were cases of fraud.

Olszewski was not re-elected to the Communist Party's central committee at its eighth congress last February and had been under investigation for perjury.

Meanwhile, several hundred Polish students Monday started a protest march in Warsaw over the treatment of political prisoners by the authorities. The planned march to parliament after a religious mass was one of similar demonstrations being held all over Poland by several thousand students.

In Warsaw not a policeman was in sight as students and some 200 members of the independent trade union Solidarity gathered outside a church to start the march. They carried a banner reading "The Workers of the Ursus Tractor Factory Demand the Release of Political Prisoners."

Other workers and students acted as stewards to keep order during the demonstration.

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Over defense policy Bundestag to back Schmidt

BONN, May 25 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, buoyed by support from U.S. and French leaders, looked sure Monday on weathering a potentially divisive parliamentary test over defense policy.

Schmidt returned to Bonn Sunday night strengthened by backing from Reagan and new French President Francois Mitterrand for his stance on NATO's European missile program — currently the big issue in West German politics.

In an impromptu gesture for the chancellor, President Reagan vowed last week's talks that the United States placed equal weight on each track of a 1979 NATO decision calling both for deployment of new U.S. missiles and arms talks with Moscow.

Just before the trip Schmidt staked his future on full implementation of the NATO plan, threatening to step down if his Social Democratic Party (SPD) ever took a different line. But as parliamentary parties in the Bundestag (lower house) squared up for a major defense debate Tuesday, Schmidt's latest round of summitry seemed to have paid dividends at home.

The NATO program is opposed by SPD leftists who suspect the Reagan administration of using the talks offer only as a cover for securing deployment of the 572 new missiles, more than 200 of them in West Germany. In an effort to flush SPD dissidents out into the open, and split Schmidt's left-liberal coalition, the conservative opposition was tabling a motion stressing parliament's support for the alliance move.

But SPD sources predicted the coalition parties would now be able to close ranks behind a rival draft citing Reagan's equal weight assurance, as well as an earlier U.S. pledge to seek talks with Moscow by the end of the year.

Though abstentions by a handful of an estimated 40 left-wing SPD deputies were still possible, commentators generally expected Schmidt to clear the hurdle, with ease. A leading leftist, Manfred Cyprip, was quoted in a newspaper interview as saying there was probably majority SPD support for the NATO program. He complained it had become a question of personal loyalty to Schmidt and this made factual discussion "hardly possible."

Opposition Christian Democratic leader Helmut Kohl, whose party backs the NATO program, said on television the Washington talks merely confirmed decisions taken at NATO foreign ministers' meeting in Rome early this month. He said the chancellor returned empty-handed, having failed to persuade Reagan to speed up the arms talk timetable.

Commentators noted Schmidt also failed to resolve differences over the impact which U.S. interest rates, now at around 20 percent, have had on West European economies. But SPD and government officials argued that a major success of the trip lay in the friendship which the chancellor and Reagan established during their meetings.

"Where Schmidt is concerned, the personal relationship is always important," one Bonn source said, recalling the often strained ties between the chancellor and former president Jimmy Carter.

Schmidt himself told reporters in Hanover where Lower Saxony state SPD leader Monday reaffirmed the party line on NATO strategy, that the president showed "an astonishing degree" of understanding of European thinking.

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